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Superintendent, 1899-1905. Letters Sent by the
Superintendent of Construction Regarding the
Construction of the New Denver Mint,
1897-1905.

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Letters from Superintendent
Architect, Regarding Mint Construction
October 7th 1902 to Aug 31-1903.

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" " " furnish flush front surfaces	381	O
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Chief Executive Officer

Dates of assignment to work of Oscar Hinrichs & Benjamin Futhill

Requesting authority to purchase 2 doz tin cans

" " " pay telephone rent.

Will mail photos flat

Will state when plaster models have been received

Requesting authority to purchase 3 tons of coal

Plaster models 1-9, have been received and uncrated

Regarding identity of package of sand

" payment of telephone service in advance

Requesting authority to pay for telephone

" " " " " water, oil &c

" " " purchase coal oil

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James A. McGonigle.

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" " base-skirting of Alberene stone	327	V
" " to replace broken marble sill	339	W
" " for closet over vault in Cashier's room	345	X
" " for additional condensation gutters	355	Y
" " " two cess pools & drain pipes from gutters	359	Z
" " " vent flue in Acid Laboratory	375	
" " " doorway bet. Supt's private office & Chief Clerk's room	409	
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James A. McConigle.

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OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 23, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to Office circular-letter (initial S.) of February 5th, 1901, forwarding blanks for semi-monthly report for work at the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge, I have to state that said supply has become exhausted, and if it is desired to continue the use of this form, I have to request that a new supply be forwarded to me.

Respectfully,

Lee Wilkey
Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colorado, October 7th, 1902.

Mr. C. B. Morrison,

Assistant United States District Attorney,

Monadnock Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:-

Can you inform me whether the Leach case is likely to be taken up at this term of court in your city, and if so, at about what time?

With best wishes, I am

Respectfully yours,

Lee Dillman
Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 7th, 1902.

Mr. John H. Mitchell,

Custodian, U.S. Court House & Post Office,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 6th instant informing me that Piper Brothers Company expect to finish their contract of repairs, etc., at your building on the 15th instant, and concerning the same I will say that I expect to visit your building on the 10th instant but may not be able to come at that time, in which event I will visit you on the 13th instant.

Hoping everything will be satisfactory, etc., I am

Respectfully yours,

Edw. Kelley

Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION

MINT BUILDING, Denver, Colo., October 9, 1902.

J.A. McGonigle,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

Excavation stopped. Several matters postponed. I will be in Pueblo next week, can postpone going until Tuesday if you wish.

Ullery, Supt. Mint.

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OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 25th, 1902.

Mr. J. B. Mitchell,

Custodian, U. S. Post Office and Court House,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of the 7th instant, in which I stated that I would probably be with you on the 9th or 13th instant, I will say that the contractor for this building, Mr. McGonigle, has not yet returned from a trip to the East but I am expecting him Saturday night of this week, and in case he comes at that time I will be permitted to have a conference with him then and be able to be with you Monday morning, next, but he may not arrive so soon, in which case I will not be able to come to Pueblo before Tuesday, the 14th instant.

The conditions existing here in connection with Mr. McGonigle's starting his work make it necessary that I should stay here until after his return in order to have a conference with him before my departure for Pueblo.

With best wishes, I am

Respectfully,

Lee V. Allen
Superintendent.

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OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION

U. S. Mint Building,

Denve, Colo., October 9th, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 6th. instant amplifying telegram of the 4th instant relative to removal of fence enclosing the site of the Mint Building in this city, and in reply I have to say that the fence referred to is the property of the Government, having been constructed by Fleming Brothers under their contract of August 6th, 1897, at a cost of \$368.00, as shown by the "Inventory of Tools" (Sheet No. 23) forwarded with our quarterly report.

I will instruct the contractor in accordance with your letter.

Respectfully,

Geo. E. Kelly

Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 9th, 1902.

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Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 5th instant enclosing Department letter of even date accepting the proposition of Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, substituting vent ducts 36" x 5" in lieu of 48" x 4" entering the large vault of the building.

Respectfully,

The Surveyor
Superintendent

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 11th, 1902.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 7th instant relative to request of Mr. Benjamin Tuthill, Watchman at the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge, for ten day's leave of absence, asking for certain explanation, etc.

In reply I have to refer you to my letter of the 22nd ultimo addressed to the Supervising Architect informing him of Mr. Tuthill's mental condition, which letter was written for the purpose of preparing him for any requests forwarded by Mr. Tuthill. Other evidences of mental infirmities might be mentioned but are probably not necessary.

I am quite sure he forwarded a statement to your Office relative to his sickness of March 12th, and concerning sickness from July 14th to July 16th, I will say that he forwarded a written statement regarding the same and an official blank was returned to him to be executed and filed in the Department, which blank was prepared for his signature and affidavit, after which he took it and reported to us that he had had it executed before a notary public and had forwarded it to the Department. As it did not pass through my hands after its comple-

and as his mental faculties were not clear, I can make no statement as to what he likely did with the document.

Concerning his sick leave from September 15th to October 11th, I will state that, upon the advice of a physician here, he left about September 20th for a lower altitude, going to Wolcott, New York, in order to regain his health, and, as a kindness to him on account of his trouble, I had prepared forms to execute and forward to the Department in case his sickness continued until October 11th, which I thought probable because of the fact that he had been ailing for several months while here on duty and his request for annual leave was to have been forwarded subsequent to that time; and, in case he should regain his health prior to October 11th, he was to prepare new statements relative to his sick and annual leave, with proper dates, for the Department, which, if well, he could readily do, but it would seem from his action as reported in your letter in failing to understand his instructions, and also from a letter recently received from him by me that he is not yet mentally right. In his letter to me he stated that he was still under the treatment of a physician.

According to our calculations, thirty days sick leave in his case would expire October 11th, after which ten days annual leave would remain of the thirty allowable in the case. This was our understanding and upon which our instructions to him were based.

I will have a copy of the blank for sick leave, which you en-

closed, forwarded to him at Wolcott, New York, with instructions that he have it executed and returned to me for transmission to the Department.

After the receipt of his statement relative to sick leave and after a decision is reached by the Department as to the expiration of sick leave and annual leave in his case, I will thank you to inform me as to the final date of his leave with pay so that I may be governed thereby in certifying to him a voucher for his salary, in case his absence from duty continues.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of

SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION

MINT BUILDING, Denver, Colo., October 9, 1902

Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

Will you retain fence enclosing Mint site. If so, it must be set out along east and alley lines, cost about seventy-five dollars. Can discard it. Then may need watchman and protection at excavation. Need hose for flushing filling in basement, privy for workmen, contract with company for water supply, additional laborers cutting out brick work, &c. If you wish to instruct and authorize changes and expenditures we think advisable, can defer visit here until twentieth.

Ullery, Supt. Mint.

TELEGRAM.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 13th, 1902.

SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION

Chairman, Board of Public Works, BUILDING, Denver, Colo., October 9, 1902

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In the construction of the Mint Building, in this city, it has become advisable to enclose the alley along the south side of the building and the present sidewalk along the east line of the building, and I hereby request permission to set the fence along the east side of the site fourteen feet outside of the lot line (enclosing the sidewalk), and to set said fence on the south side of the rear alley (enclosing said alley). A sidewalk will be constructed for the use of the public outside of the new fence, the new walk to be constructed of 2 inch thick plank satisfactorily secured together.

The temporary fence will be removed as soon as the walls and copings at the building have been completed, which will no doubt be some time in the summer of 1903, until which time the fence, sidewalk, etc., will be maintained in a manner satisfactory to the city authorities.

I also request permission to construct a watercloset inside the enclosure (in the alley south of the building) and to do any excavating necessary for the sewer, etc., and to connect with the city sewer in the alley, said watercloset to be constructed in accordance with city regulations and maintained in a satisfactory sanitary condition.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U.S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., October 13, 1902.

Denver, Colo., October 14, 1902.

Denver, Colo., October 14, 1902.

U.S. Department of Public Works,

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Condition of
work at this date
Completed

construction of the Mint Building, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 10th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting proposal of Messrs. S. Faith & Co., contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, to deduct the sum of Thirty Dollars (\$30.), from the amount to be paid them under their contract, on account of certain changes in duct construction in accordance with their proposal and drawing, copies of which also accompanied your letter.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

Office of Superintendent of Construction,

Mint Building, Denver, Colo., October 15, 1902
U. S. Mint Building.

Supervising Architect, Denver, Colo., October 14, 1902.
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Condition of
Asst. Sup. Architect,
Completed
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Condition of
work at this date
Completed

Work not begun

ROOFING

PLUMBING

GAS-PIPING

GLAZING

PAINTING

VAULTS

APPROACHES

HEATING

ELECTRICAL WIRING

ELEVATORS

Remarks

Respectfully,

Messrs. S. S. Faith & Co., have delivered some material for the electrical
work, but have not yet commenced work.

Mr. A. McKenigle has done considerable excavating preparatory to
the coal vault, etc.

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION.

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 20, 1902.

Messrs. Piper Brothers Company,
220 West Second Street,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I enclose herewith your statement of account of work under your contract of repairs, etc., at the Post Office building, in your city, which I used Saturday but in my hurry, forgot to deliver to the Postmaster for you as promised.

In the matter of painting, etc., I would suggest that you give the same your careful attention in order that the painters do not omit any part of the work, as omission may cause delay in having to perform the work later on, as in case any walls are calcimined that should be painted, it would be well to have the work done at once, and I would advise examining all the toilet rooms, etc., in order to ascertain whether Mr. Johnson had the same calcimined where he should have had them painted; also any sashes or other wood-work that needs finishing to correspond with surrounding finish should be done by him without fail.

It may be possible that I will again visit the building at the time of completion of the remaining items of work.

Respectfully yours,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U.S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., October 20, 1902.

Mr. John H. Mitchell,

Custodian, U.S. Post Office Building,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Dear Sir:-

In the matter of repairs, cleaning, etc., at the Post Office building, under contract with Piper Brothers Company, I forgot to speak to you on Saturday before my departure about the cleaning of clocks of the building which Mr. Piper thinks he should not be required to pay for wholly, as he understood the clocks had not been cleaned for a year or more. I promised him to speak to you about it and that if your records show the clocks have not been cleaned for a year or more, it might be well to ask the Department for authority to expend such an amount as might be agreed upon by you and Mr. Piper for repairs, cleaning, etc., of clocks, which course would relieve Mr. Piper of any unjust item of expense for the same and which would be entirely right in the matter.

As several rooms were found to have walls calcimined instead of painted, I would suggest that you ask the Captain to examine all rooms, etc., where painting is required to ascertain if possible that I overlooked any case where calcimining has been done instead of painting, and if any such case should be found, he should require the con-

tractor to remove the calcimine and paint the same in accordance with the specification.

I will say that as I left the building Saturday afternoon for the train, I noticed that one pivoted sash of the Post Office screen near the elevator has not been finished on the bottom and the same is exposed when the transom is open. Please call the Captain's attention to this and have the same finished by the painters.

I enclose herewith a carbon copy of my report to the Supervising Architect concerning your building. I hope all matters will be properly adjusted and finish the building first class in every respect.

Respectfully yours,

Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 20th, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department letter (initialed S.J.) of July 15th, 1902, I have made three visits to the Post Office building, Pueblo, Colorado, to inspect the work performed under contract, dated June 5, 1902, with the Piper Brothers Company, of Pueblo, Colorado, the visit for final inspection of the work having been made on the 14th instant in accordance with instructions, as the work was reported completed.

I have to state that in many portions of the work I found evidences of neglect and oversight, as well as evident intentional deviations from the requirements of the specification, on the part of the sub-contractors for painting in that several rooms had the walls calcimined where three coats of paint were specified, and many places where doors, window sashes, etc., were dressed by the carpenters, the painters had failed entirely or in part to finish the work as specified. The joinery work repairs, which were done by Mr. Piper's workmen directly under his supervision, was excellently performed. The work of re-forming the gutters of the skylight was not satisfactory. I prepared duplicate lists of the many items of work included in said contract, yet to

Mr. J. K. Taylor

While examining the skylight it was found that several
very broken pieces had not been discovered at the time of preparing
be done, in order that the work should be satisfactory, one list having
been given to the contractor and the other to the Custodian with in-
structions that all items enumerated must be fully and satisfactorily
completed before the voucher for final payment to the contractor is
forwarded to the Department. The workmen with their tools, scaffolds,
etc., had left the building, claiming the work to be completed, yet
it will probably take two weeks or more to properly finish the same.

Statement of the account with Piper Brothers Company is as
follows: Amount of contract, dated June 6, 1902, is \$7,693., of which
Part 1, consisting of work due to neglect or faulty workmanship by
L. J. Leach & Sons, is \$6,466., upon which payments of July 31st and
August 31st, 1902, were made, amounting to \$4,471.20, leaving a balance
of Part 1, of \$1,996.80. Part 2, consisting of work of repairs not
necessitated by said faulty workmanship, amounts to \$1,225., which
makes a net balance due Piper Brothers Company under their contract of
\$3,221.80.

I will state that Piper Brothers have had personal supervi-
sion of the joinery work and in it have shown a readiness and willing-
ness to make the work satisfactory, having produced better results in
remedying defects in said work than I had expected could be done, and
because of this fact and because the remedying of the remaining de-
fects in work under their contract will not interfere with the trans-
action of public business, I recommend that no forfeiture for delay
be exacted from the contractors in this case.

Mr. J. K. Taylor

While repairing the skylight it was found that several lights were broken which I did not discover at the time of preparing the specification for repairs in November, 1901; and it was also found that several lights were too narrow for the spaces they were to fill, which no doubt caused much of the leakage up to this time. New glass were substituted for the broken glass and for the narrow glass, as authorized by Department letter of September 11, 1902, which letter, however, limited the cost to \$75., at 42 cents per square foot for new glass and \$1.10 each for cutting old glass to permit its re-use. I will state that 211'8" square feet new glass was furnished and 42 lights of glass were re-cut, the total cost of which at the prices fixed in said Department letter, is \$113.10, and exceeds, as you see, the limit (\$75.) fixed, but as the new glass and the cutting were necessary, as reported to me by the janitor at the building, I recommend that the contractor be allowed \$113.10 instead of \$75., the amount named in said Department letter.

The work of supplying and placing additional glass in the east court room window and first story lobby, and substituting brickwork for certain terra cotta in basement partition, which had become disintegrated by alkali and moisture, I will say that said work has been satisfactorily completed, and I recommend the allowance of \$30.50, authorized by Department letter of September 10, 1902, be paid, the voucher for which, I understand, will be forwarded to the Department by the Custodian, at once.

I wish to state that the work of repairs to the driveway, fill-

Mr. J. R. Taylor.

While waiting the reply, it was found that several ing and sodding the lot and re-building the area walls, etc., permitted at the time of awarding the contract to Piper Brothers Company should be done soon, but as the weather will soon be unfavorable for such work, I suggest that it be deferred until spring or early summer, and bids be then invited for the work to be completed in accordance with the requirements of the specification upon which Piper Brothers' bid was based.

There are some slight leaks in the roof which have developed recently and since the expiration of the two years' guarantee made with the Holmes Hardware Company in September, 1900, and I have suggested to the Custodian the advisability of obtaining new proposals for repairing the roof and keeping it water-tight for a period of two years, which work would not be expensive and would avoid the necessity of asking the Department for an expenditure for repairs at each and every time a leak is discovered.

I will add that the plastering throughout the building was found to be in an extremely bad condition, as the work had evidently been done by L. L. Leach & Sons during the winter. Salamanders had been used which blackened the finished plastering, and, in order to prepare the work for inspection, the discolored portions were covered with a skim coat of plaster of Paris which peeled off when the work of painting was done recently, and I required several walls and ceilings to be scraped, repaired and re-painted and calcimined in order to make the work satisfactory, insisting that the bidders (sub-contractors for Piper Brothers Company) were to examine the work and acquaint themselves with the condition of the building before bidding and I re-

Mr. J. K. Taylor

to the effect that the contractor had purchased a small supply of marble for the purpose of building the area walls, etc., omitted to mention that they did. While the walls and ceilings at present appear to be satisfactory, I am not certain that additional scaling or peeling will not develop hereafter at points where we were unable to discover defects at the time of final inspection last week. In accordance with

I have also to say that in taking up the mosaic floors of toilet rooms where required to bring the same to the level of the marble treads at the doors, we found the pieces of marble used for the same were from $1/8"$ to $3/8"$ in thickness, and only one or two in a hundred or more examined were found to be as much as $1/2"$ thick. The specification for L. L. Leach & Son's work required the mosaics to be not less than $1/2"$ thick, which requirement was not complied with. Their sample, which appears to have been approved by your Office in September, 1896, - as it is so noted, - contains mosaic pieces ranging from $1/8"$ to $3/8"$ thick, and none that I could find along the edges of the sample are $1/2"$ thick. I presume the contractor would contend the approval of the sample by the Department sanctioned the use of the thin pieces. They were put down in a very poor cement which is coming out of the joints to a considerable depth, and in the stair hall of the second story many pieces of the mosaics have come loose, not being of proper depth and not being held in place by suitable Portland cement. I asked Mr. Piper, the contractor, to re-cement the pieces in place where found loose, which he did. I have no doubt additional trouble will arise on account of this faulty work on the part of the original contractors, which, if not serious, may be remedied from time

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to time by authorizing the Custodian to purchase a small supply of Portland cement and have the janitor re-set the pieces of mosaic as they come loose.

While I do not think it really necessary for me to again visit the Pueblo building when the contractor has completed the items of work found defective at my inspection last week, it might be advisable to do so. No additional visit, however, has been authorized.

Trusting that this report will inform you fully as to conditions and enable final settlement to be made to Piper Brothers Co.

I am

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF

SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 20, 1902.

The Honorable M. E. Ailes,
Assistant Secretary,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am not certain which Assistant Secretary should be addressed in reference to the contingent force at a public building, but I will take the liberty of addressing you in the matter of the appointment of a man as Assistant Custodian at the Post Office building, Pueblo, Colorado, and if you do not have charge of these matters, I will ask you to hand my letter to the proper official with such statement in the matter as you are willing to make. Knowing me as you do, I believe you know that I would not make a recommendation unless the party is deserving and worthy of recognition.

Mr. John H. Mitchell, the Postmaster and Custodian at said building, wrote on August 21st, last, to the Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department (with whom I am also acquainted) asking that Mr. Isaac B. French (ex-soldier, Company B, 4th Mass. Vols.), who is at present janitor at the building be made Assistant Custodian and that an increase be made in his salary, at present \$720. per annum, making it \$900. per annum, or in other words, that he be allowed \$180 per annum for services as Assistant Custodian at said building.

I have had charge of considerable work of repairs, etc., in

Washington, D.C., October 10, 1902.
said building within recent years, and the said janitor has to my certain knowledge made many alterations and repairs to such as locks, shelving, file cases, doors, windows, etc., in that building that were necessary and which Custodians at other buildings cannot get their janitors to do, and he has by so doing saved to the Government more than the difference in salary recommended by the Custodian.

Extensive repairs and decorative painting throughout the building have just been completed under my supervision, at the expense of several thousand dollars, and the building will be kept in good condition as long as it receives the care and attention of Mr. French who manifests as much interest and care for the building as any of us would for our own property, and I earnestly recommend that the Department recognize his additional services by making the small increase of salary as recommended by the Postmaster. If it is not possible to make the increase now, I hope the matter will be considered sufficiently meritorious to justify a request by the Department for such an appropriation as will permit the increase.

Hoping you will give this matter your earnest support and that you will receive the assistance of Mr. Hill, the Chief Clerk, I am

Respectfully yours,

Superintendent.

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
 SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
 U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 21st, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial C.D.M.) of the 17th instant, also two copies of drawing No. 137, mentioned in said letter, showing certain changes in the arrangement of oil tanks and gas generating room for the Mint Building, in this city, and requesting a proposal from the contractor, Mr. James A. McGonigle, as to the amount additional to his contract for performing the work as indicated on said plans.

In reply I have to inform you that Mr. McGonigle is out of the city at present but is expected back tomorrow, and as soon as he returns I will make the request as directed.

In this connection I wish to call your attention to the fact that the oil tanks will be partially below water line, as it appears the water level at the site is elevation 361, whereas the concrete foundation under said tanks is to be at elevation 30.77 above city datum.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

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Superintendent.

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OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

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Mr. J. R. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I forward you to-day, by mail, under separate cover, copies of drawings Nos. 100, 101, 102 and 103, for Mint building, in this city, being the basement, first, second and attic floor plans, with the request that for my information and guidance, in directing the work of plastering under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the interior finish of the building, that notes be made on the drawings showing which walls and which ceilings in the various rooms be plastered with cement, and which walls and which ceilings in the various rooms be plastered with hard wall plaster and that the drawings be then returned to me.

I am unable to decide exactly the desire of the Office in this matter, as I informed you in item No. 23 of my letter of May 24th, last, and it is my wish to have a correct understanding of the same in order that I may properly direct the contractor in the prosecution of the work.

Respectfully,

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 21st, 1902.

The Honorable H.A. Taylor,

Assistant Secretary,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter (initial P.) of the 18th instant informing me relative to the expiration of leave of absence of Mr. Benjamin Tuthill, Watchman at the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge, and concerning the same, I will say that he has reported here for duty, yet I do not consider that he has fully recovered his health.

Respectfully,

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Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 21st, 1902.

Mr. James A. McDonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith a copy of drawing No. 137 showing certain changes for the arrangement of tanks and alteration of the walls north of the coal vault at the Mint Building, in this city, and I have to request that you will state the amount, in addition to your contract, for which you will construct the said work in accordance with the drawing.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 25th, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As requested in your letter (initial C.D.M.) of the 17th instant, I wrote Mr. James A. McGonigle on the 21st instant (a copy of which letter is herewith inclosed), asking him to make a proposal for the labor and material required for the change shown on drawing No. 157, naming the amount for said work, in addition to his contract for completion (except steel vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint building, in this city, and in response thereto I have this day received his proposal, in amount \$6,982., and forward the same to you herewith.

As the work involves considerable brickwork for under-pinning the area walls (which cannot be done without removal of the area floor complete and re-laying the same), and the nature of the soil at the entire excavation being largely gravel and sand (which caves readily), will require considerable more excavation for the slopes of the banks than indicated on the drawing, and the necessity of moving the Superintendent's temporary office (which is now at the corner of Colfax Avenue and Evans Street); also the fact that considerable pumping will be required to permit excavation and for placing the concrete foundation for the tanks, the cost of the work is made much greater than it would otherwise be, so that as I have made a careful estimate of the work, which shows the proposal of Mr. McGonigle to be reasonable, I recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Lee B. ...
Superintendent.

Director
 Construction, 15th
 U.S. Mint Building.

Denver, Colo., October 27th, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
 Supervising Architect,
 Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 24th instant, and also of drawings Nos. 150 to 173, inclusive, being full size details for work of interior finish at the Mint Building in this city.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U.S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., October 27th, 1902.

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Mr. W. T. S. Hoyt,

Superintendent of Construction, U.S. Public Building,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, requesting that I send you a set of drawings for the Cheyenne Public building which were left with me by Mr. Smith.

Mrs. Forster, wife of Mr. Forster of the firm of Forster & Smith, was at my office to-day and requested that the drawings be sent to Mr. Forster.

In reply to your inquiry and Mrs. Forster's inquiry, I will say that Mr. Smith never left the drawings with me and I was at a loss to know what they were inquiring for until it occurred to me that a Mr. Kallal, of the U.S. Clay Manufacturing Company, had used a set of the Cheyenne drawings to make up a bid for the terra cotta work, and I hunted him up in the city, found him and also found that the set of drawings had been left with him and that he had left them in an old shack belonging to a previous contractor here which had been moved to Falkenberg, a suburb of this city, but Mr. Kallal went to the shack, found the drawings and delivered them to me and I forward them to you by mail in accordance with your request.

Please give my regards to Mr. Smith and inform him that the joke is on him, that he had left his drawings, etc.

Sincerely,

Superintendent

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 30, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your telegram of this date informing me that coated cast iron pipe is not acceptable for use under Faith & Co.'s contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge, and accordingly, the cast iron pipe which has been delivered at the building and which is coated will not be received or used.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 31, 1902.

Mr. John H. Mitchell,
Custodian, U.S. Post Office Building,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Sir:-

I inclose to you for Captain French a letter to-day received from the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, which letter is self-explanatory, and while it is not as much of an increase as I had hoped for, it will no doubt be some encouragement and will be appreciated by the Captain.

Please inform him also that I received a letter this morning from Chicago informing me that the Leach case is set for November 24th, and we no doubt will receive further official notice of the same.

Hoping the repairs, etc., to the building have been satisfactorily completed and that you are all happy, I am

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., October 31st, 1902.

The Honorable H.R. Allen,

Assistant Secretary,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial M.) of the 28th instant, relative to promotion of the Janitor at the Post Office Building, at Pueblo, Colorado, as previously recommended by me, in which letter you state that his promotion to Assistant Custodian-Janitor, with salary at Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.) per annum would establish a precedent that might force the Department to create similar positions at buildings where the volume of business would not justify the same, and in reply will say I realize the force of your statement and I was aware of the fact before writing you that such might be the case. However, there are so many Public buildings not kept in such good order (as Mr. Sutherland, of the Supervising Architect's office, will tell you), and the disposition on the part of the Janitor to care for a Government building as diligently as though it were his own personal property is so rare that I consider it should be encouraged, and a promotion in such a case is in the nature of a premium for diligence and money well spent by the Government.

Your recommendation that the salary of the Janitor named be increased to Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.) per annum, is a recognition

of his good services and will encourage the continuation of his careful work, although it is not so much as I had hoped could be done in the case.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colo.,

October 31st,

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S. Faith & Co., have delivered some material for the electric wire conduits, and piping for plumbing and steam power plant, but have not yet commenced work.

James A. McGonigle has done considerable excavating and has removed coal vault walls preparatory to extending the coal vault, etc., and is now excavating to lower the floor in boiler and engine rooms.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 3rd, 1902.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of a letter and drawing No. 139 showing modifications in ventilating louvres of skylight at the Mint Building, in this city, for which work I am requested to obtain from you a proposal, but as the nature of the work is such that an examination of the building will be necessary in order to inform yourself prior to making an estimate, I will hold the drawing until your return here which I trust will be in the near future.

Respectfully,

W. C. Sullivan
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U.S. Mint Building.

Denver, Colo., November 3rd, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 30th ultimo, also of prints (floor plans) showing the kinds of plastering required in various portions of the Mint Building, in this city, as referred to in said letter, and I will instruct the contractor to perform the work in accordance with the noting on said drawings.

Respectfully,

Leo G. Kelly
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 3rd, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 31st ultimo and two copies of drawing No. 138, showing modifications in ventilating louvres of skylight of the Mint Building, in this city, for which I am requested to obtain from the contractor a proposal, and in reply I will state that the contractor is not in the city at present, but is expected here in the near future. I have written to him concerning the proposal and will call his attention to the matter as soon as he returns and obtain a proposal from him as early as possible and forward it to you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

John C. Kelly
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 6th, 1912.

Mr. C. B. Morrison,

Assistant United States District Attorney,
Monadnock Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

Concerning the question of cement in connection with the Leach case, I want to say that there is a Portland cement manufactured at Florence, Colorado, called the Colorado Portland cement, as you probably learned when you were in Denver last year. It is a new plant, having been in operation something more than two years. The first cement manufactured by them showed good results, and there was considerable of it used for sidewalks in this city, which, after more than a year's use, the sidewalks are in good condition. A little more than a year ago the company changed superintendents at the cement factory, and it seems to have resulted badly as considerable cement manufactured at that time, which was used in making sidewalks here, acted about like the cement did that was used by Leach & Son at Pueblo, and the sidewalks had to be taken up. I believe they took up miles of Colorado Portland cement sidewalks in this city because of faulty cement. The sidewalks heaved, cracked and crumbled very much like the Pueblo Post Office sidewalk did. The Colorado Portland Cement Company got their old superintendent back, I understand, last spring, and it is said now that they are making good cement again. I saw their cement

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used last spring in making a sidewalk here that is all right. I have frequently examined the sidewalk and found it in excellent condition.

This shows that a cement may be all right at one time and faulty at another; so that the sample of Roman Rock cement that was tested by the Supervising Architect and approved for use at Pueblo was likely from a good batch of cement, as the record of tests in the Supervising Architect's office will show. I suggest that you have said record of test on hand at the time of the trial, also the man who made the test and made the entry in the record who, I am quite sure, was Mr. J. S. Raymond, who is still in the Treasury Department although not in the Supervising Architect's office.

Mr. J. A. Seubert, of 428 Fifteenth Street, this city, says that he put down some sidewalks of Colorado Portland cement more than a year and a half ago that are in excellent condition at this time, and some later that had to be taken up because the cement was faulty and heavy. He is a member of the firm of Seubert and Heimbecker, who have about the best reputation in the city for cement sidewalk-work, having probably laid more than anyone else here, and I would consider him an expert in that line. He says that he is willing to swear to the facts as stated, and I would suggest that you have him subpoenaed in the Leach case.

I myself might testify as to defective sidewalks and some good sidewalks apparently made of Colorado Portland cement, but I could not testify so knowingly as could Mr. Seubert, who was the contractor and knows positively what cement was used.

If the spot of the original sample submitted by Leach showed

Mr. O. B. Morrison

the cement was good and we can show concerning another cement that at times it was good and made a good sidewalk and that at other times it was bad and made a sidewalk that was like the defective sidewalk put down at Pueblo by L.L. Leach & Son, it will go far towards showing that the cement actually used by Leach & Son was not like the sample that they submitted to the Supervising Architect for approval, yet their contract required that they should furnish and use cement like the sample, uniform in quality and without damage.

Will you please write me at once and let me know whether you will have Mr. Senbert at the trial as he is anxious to know soon in order that he can in the meantime arrange his business to go, or, if he is not to go, he will continue his contract work. He wants to know also what allowance for his time and expenses will be made by the Government in case he is to go.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 6th, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (Initial G. W. D.) of the 3rd instant, relative to the proposal of Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the interior finish, etc., at the Mint building, in this city, in which letter you inform me that his proposal, in amount \$6,982.00 for sub-basement extension of the building, in accordance with drawing #137, is considered excessive and directing me to make an estimate of the work, and also informing me that two copies of drawing #137-A have been forwarded with request for a new proposal from the contractor for said work.

In reply I have to inform you that I have forwarded one copy of the drawing to the contractor and requested him to submit a modified proposal on drawing #137 and a new proposal on drawing #137-A, in accordance with your instructions, and as soon as said proposals have been received, I will forward the same to you as directed.

Respectfully,

Thos. C. Allen

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 6th, 1902.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Sir:-

I am this day in receipt of a letter from the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department relative to your proposal, in amount \$6,982.00, for extension of the basement, etc., at the Mint building, in this city, in which letter he states that your proposal is considered excessive and requests that you again make an estimate of the work, and, if possible, reduce the amount of your proposal for the extension and thereupon submit to me a revised proposition for said work.

I enclose herewith a copy of drawing No. 137-A, showing a modification of the above named extension and am directed by the Supervising Architect to request you to submit an alternate proposal, stating the amount for which you will complete the said extension in accordance with the last named drawing. This, as you will notice, contemplates the floor line and the foundation three feet higher than shown on the previous drawing. Some granite steps are required, and some cutting and stonework at the passage-way into the building.

Hoping to receive your revised proposal based upon drawing #137, and your alternate proposal based upon drawing #137-A, at an early date, I am

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 7th, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 4th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date, accepting the proposal of Mr. Ernest C. Bairstow, of Washington, D.C., to make the plaster models for the Mint building, in this city, for the sum of Two Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$232.), vouchers for which will be prepared in your Office.

Respectfully,

Clerk.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 8th, 1902.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the absence of the Superintendent, I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial P.3) of the 5th instant, calling attention to errors in the preparation of vouchers Nos. 278, 280 and 282, Contingent Force, wherein the date of assignment to present work of Oscar Hinrichs and Benjamin Tythill was incorrectly quoted, and stating the correct date of assignment, which correction will be observed in preparing future vouchers.

Respectfully,

Oscar Hinrichs

Clerk.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 10, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have this day been summoned by a Deputy United States Marshal to appear at the court room in Chicago, Illinois, at 9 o'clock, on the 24th instant, as a witness in the case of the United States against L. L. Leach & Son, which fact may be known to the Treasury Department, but I have to request that permission be given me to be absent in order that I may be able to comply with said requirement.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 10, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that Mr. Benjamin Tuthill, Watchman at the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge, has been absent sick since the third instant and is now at the hospital in this city. Having exhausted all the annual leave and sick leave allowed him according to the law and as stated in Department letter to me of October 18, last, his absence is without pay, and I have accordingly certified a voucher to him for the first three days of this month, which makes full compensation to him until he returns to duty in case he recovers his health.

Respectfully,

Wm. Bellamy
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 10th, 1902.

Mr. J.R. Mitchell,

Custodian, U.S. Post Office Building,
Pueblo, Colorado.

Sir:-

In the matter of final payment to Piper Brothers, for repairs, painting, etc., at the building under your charge, I will say that I informed them last Saturday that I would recommend payment to them by the Department, as they expected to get the remaining work completed within a couple of days, but as they afterwards told me that there was a strike among the workmen in their employment, which might delay or prevent the completion of the items of repairs at the Post Office building for some time, I would suggest that it is better to wait for final payment until the full completion of the work, at which time I advise you to report to the Department that the work is entirely and satisfactorily completed and advise the Department to make final payment in the case. I will inform the Department concerning the matter and recommend waiting until information is received from you to the effect that the work has been completed.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 10th, 1902.

Mr. V. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In accordance with instructions in Department telegram of the 4th instant, I went to Pueblo, Colorado, on the 7th instant and there found Department letter (initial S.) of the 4th instant giving me instructions relative to inspection and report on the work at the Post Office building, in that city, under contract with The Piper Brothers Company.

Referring to said work, I will say that at the time of my previous visit to that building, I made a list of items of work not satisfactorily completed (comprising more than one hundred and twenty items), and upon my visit on the 7th instant, I found that nearly one fourth of the points referred to in my list had not been touched or satisfactorily finished, and I accordingly prepared another list and gave the Custodian and Janitor a more complete explanation of what was required to make the work satisfactory, and the contractors now realize the absolute necessity of giving the work their personal attention instead of placing any reliance on their sub-contractor for painting, which they had done, as the remaining items of work are almost exclusively painting window frames or varnishing and rubbing doors, sashes

and other interior wood-work where the same had been dressed or strips had been put on.

There are, however, two calcimined ceilings in the third and fourth stories and one calcimined wall in the fourth story in which defects have been disclosed since my previous visit and I have required the contractors to remedy the same, which defects I consider are due to either defects in the plastering which were not remedied by the painters as required by the contract, or failure to properly size the plastering before applying the calcimine.

I have advised the Custodian to inform you when the remaining items of work under the contract are satisfactorily completed, which no doubt will be within a few days, when I advise final payment in the case.

In regard to repairs to the roof, as referred to in Department letter, I will state that I have carefully investigated as to the possibility of repairing the roof by the method formulated in Office letter of March 10, 1900, to the Custodian, and will say that as the leaks are slight, I am confident that with a little care the Janitor at the building can successfully repair and keep the roof water-tight by the use of the white lead, red lead, asphaltum, varnish and cotton flannel, and I have advised the Custodian to purchase a supply of the said material in order to stop the existing leaks at once, as authorized under emergency provision of regulations, and forward a voucher to the Department for payment.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building.

Denver, Colo., November 10, 1902.

Mr. J. H. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of letter of the 31st ultimo from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except steel vaults, plumbing, etc.) for the Mint building, in this city, requesting permission to use gravel in lieu of broken stone in concrete for cellar, retaining and other walls included in his work, with endorsement of the 5th instant from you requesting my definite recommendation relative to the use of gravel.

In reply I have to suggest that I consider the use of good gravel as satisfactory in every way, not only for the concrete walls but for concrete foundations, provided the gravel shall be screened over about a 3/8 inch screen and pass through a one inch screen, all stones being larger than one inch to be broken; that all exposed faces of the concrete walls in the rooms, etc., shall be cemented smooth to give the proper finish, and provided further that the change shall be made without additional expense to the Government. I would recommend that Mr. McGonigle's request be granted, in case these requirements are complied with.

I return herewith Mr. McGonigle's letter, bearing your endorsement, as stated.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 13, 1902.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 10th instant, enclosing copy of letter, of even date, addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle relative to the elastic limit of rivet steel for use under his contract for the completion (except steel vaults, plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

DEPARTMENT OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 15, 1902.

Great Western Manufacturing Company,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 13th instant forwarding a blue print of cast iron frames and doors for cleanout openings of chimney to be constructed under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Mint building, in this city, and referring thereto I have to inform you that the specification requires that drawings in quadruplicate for wrought and cast iron work of every description must be submitted to the Supervising Architect, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., for his approval, and I therefore have to request that you forward to the Supervising Architect at your earliest convenience four (4) blue print copies of the drawing similar to the blue print inclosed with your letter.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado,

November 15th,

1902.

(Actual) Half done

(Modified) Not begun

Not commenced

None

(Modified) Not commenced

Not commenced

Not commenced

Work not begun

(Modified) Not begun

Work not begun

Not commenced

Not commenced

S. Faith & Co. have delivered some material for the electric wire conduits, and piping for plumbing and steam power plant, but have not yet commenced work.

James A. McGonigle has done considerable excavating and has removed coal vault walls preparatory to extending the coal vault, etc., and is now excavating to lower the floor in boiler and engine rooms in the basement.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 16th, 1902.
Denver, Colo., November 16th, 1902.

Mr. H.E. Quigley,

Superintendent of Construction,

U.S. Public Building, Boise City, Idaho.

Dear Mr. Quigley:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 13th instant making inquiry relative to stains on the terra cotta for the building under your charge, and will say that in my opinion the stains are caused by the brooms used as they will discolor the terra cotta or stone when used for cleaning the same, so that drenching the terra cotta is much better and white muslin rags on sticks are much better for cleaning than the broom. I do not think that Isola Portland cement would stain through the terra cotta from behind, but it would do no harm to plaster the backs of the terra cotta with lime mortar, as you suggest. Office force about the same as when you left, except that Mr. Tuthill is in the hospital and not expected to live. The doctor states that he has Bright's disease.

With best wishes, I am

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 15th, 1902.

Denver, 15th, November 17th, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Boise City, Idaho.

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 3rd instant, I have obtained from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (except Plumbing, Elevators, etc.) Mint Building, in this city, a revised proposal, in amount \$6,582.00, for extension of coal vault, etc., in accordance with drawing No. 137, and a proposal, in amount \$6,382.00, for said work if completed in accordance with drawing No. 137-A. I have prepared an estimate (a copy of which is forwarded herewith) to check the said proposals of Mr. McGonigle, and I have to say that I consider either proposal reasonable, and recommend the acceptance of the one that provides the most satisfactory accommodation for the service.

In my previous estimate, I did not use the contractor's prices for the work as given in his contract, consequently my estimate was somewhat higher than the estimate forwarded herewith.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. H. H.

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 17th, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of Department letter (initial S.) of the 13th instant granting me permission to attend as a witness in the United States Court, at Chicago, Illinois, in the case against L.L. Leach & Son on the 24th instant, and directing me to inform you at the time I leave Chicago on my return to Denver, and in reply I will say that I have been informed by the United States Marshall in Chicago that the case has been postponed to a later date of which I will be informed hereafter, and I will write you in accordance with instructions in said Department letter.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Superintendent.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U.S. MINT BUILDING.

Denver, Colo., November 17th, 1902.
Denver, Colo., November 17th, 1902.

Denver, Colo., November 18, 1902.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, D.C.
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 14th instant enclosing copy of Office letter of same date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, relative to inspection and acceptance of cast iron pipe delivered at this building for work under their contract.

Respectfully,

and I will write you in accordance with Department letter.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Superintendent.

Office of
 SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
 U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 18, 1902.

To Supervising Architect,

Treasury, Washington, D.C. . . Washington, D.C.

I consider Thompsons bid, three hundred eighty dollars for
 post office mezzanine floor reasonable, especially as contrac-
 tors now are busy. Recommend prompt acceptance by wire.

Very truly,
 Supt. Mint.
 Official business, for and acceptance of all from pipe de-
 Gov't. Rate, Collect.

TELEGRAM.

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 19, 1902.

To Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

My trip postponed. Don't now urge your immediate presence here.

Very truly,
Supt. Mint.

TELEGRAM.

Superintendent

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 21st, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to inform you that Mr. Benjamin Tuthill, who was employed as Watchman at the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge, died last night. He was absent sick, without pay, since the 3rd instant, and a voucher in final payment was issued to him as reported to you in my letter of the 10th instant.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 21st, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 18th instant, inclosing copy of letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle approving samples of sand, gravel and broken stone for use under his contract for the Completion (except Steel Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, which samples have also been received this day.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 22, 1902.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 19th instant, enclosing copy of letter of same date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, together with blue prints of shop drawings Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 for certain structural steel work under his contract for the completion (except steel vaults, plumbing, etc) of the Mint building, in this city, which blue prints will be placed on file in this office for use during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Wm. A. H. H. H.
Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 24th, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 20th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of same date addressed to Mr. James A. McGee accepting his proposal to use certain angles in lieu of tees in his contract for the completion (except Steel Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge, which letters have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

L. H. Kelly

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 25th, 1902.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith a copy of drawing No. 139 showing certain changes of skylight louvres and condensation gutters of the Mint Building, in this city, and I have to request that you will forward to me at your earliest convenience a proposal stating the amount for which you will remove the copper louvres at the skylight and put in place the shutters with operating mechanism for the same and put in place the additional copper condensation gutters at the cross-joints of the glass in the skylight, new material to be furnished and used and the copper of present louvres to be stored and remain the property of the Government; all exposed metal and wood work to be painted, as provided for similar work under your contract for the Completion (except Steel Vaults, &c.) of said building.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 25th, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of the 21st instant, informing you of the death of Mr. Benjamin Tuthill, who was employed as Watchman at the Mint building, in this city, I have now to say that I consider it advisable and in the interest of the Government to have two watchmen appointed for service at said building.

While I do not know whether there are any persons eligible for appointment to said position, I am informed that Mr. Clarence Wilson, of No. 2326 West Thirty-second Avenue, this city, has taken a watchman's examination. He is the son of Mr. Eugene C. Wilson, who is now employed as Watchman at this building, and is a young man of good habits and in every way reliable.

In case appointments are given to persons not on any eligible list, I have to recommend the temporary appointment of Mr. George H. Sharland, of Victor, Colorado, and also Mr. F. M. Nye, of Rinn, Weld County, Colorado, to continue until they pass a satisfactory Civil Service examination, or until others become eligible through examination.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 26th, 1902.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I have to request that you will submit to me a proposition for preparing a doorway and putting in place, complete, a door in the partition between Superintendent's private office and the Chief Clerk's room in the first story of the Mint Building, in this city, the door to be similar in width, height and design to door "A", with transom, and have frame, architrave, etc., similar to door "B", as shown in detail on drawing #118, which drawing forms part of the set in your contract for Completion (except vaults, etc.) of said building.

Respectfully,

L. H. H. H.

Superintendent.

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo.

By _____

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 28, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to the matter of cast iron smoke flue to be put in place from the Deposit-Melting room, under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except Steel Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building, in this city, I have to request instructions relative to the thickness of the same. Detail plan at "C-C", on drawing No. 125, notes the thickness to be $7/8$ ", whereas the specification, in paragraph 6, page 21, calls for the same to be 1 inch thick, and the contractor states that much difficulty will be involved in securing the same if it must be 1 inch thick and desires instructions in the matter. I will therefore thank you to inform me as early as possible in order that I may direct the contractor accordingly.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 28, 1902.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.R.) of the 24th instant, inclosing copy of Department letter of even date, addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion, (except Steel Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint building, in this city, authorizing him to use gravel in lieu of broken stone for concrete under his contract.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Supervisor of Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 28, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 24th instant inclosing copy of Department letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Steel Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint building, in this city, relative to inspection of vault linings, etc., to be put in place under his contract, which instructions will be followed.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., November 28, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 25th instant, informing me of the acceptance of the proposal (in amount, \$380.) of Messrs. A. R. Thompson & Co., for the erection of a mezzanine gallery in the Court House and Post Office building, in this city, and directing me to assist the Custodian during progress of the work and to inspect and report on the same at the time of its completion, which instructions will be followed.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 2nd, 1902.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 29th ultime inclosing copy of Office letter of same date addressed to Mr. James A. McDonigle, approving Colorado Portland cement for use under his contract of Completion (except Steel Vaults, Plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, in this city, and instructing me to forward to you samples taken from said cement as it is delivered for use, and in reply I have to inform you that I will comply with said instructions.

In this connection I wish to state that I am apprehensive of trouble and dissatisfaction with said cement, owing to the fact that thousands of square feet of sidewalks constructed in this city of Colorado Portland cement have been taken up within the past year because of defective cement, it having buckled and crumbled very much like the sidewalks around the Post Office building at Pueblo put in place by Leach & Son, which had to be taken up. The manufacturers of the Colorado Portland cement explain the condition by saying that they discontinued the services of their superintendent last fall and that they have seen the necessity of re-employing him, which has been done. They state that all the bad cement was made and shipped from their factory

during said superintendent's absence, and they assert that in the future all the cement will be satisfactory and up to the standard of that originally manufactured by them; but at the same time I consider it absolutely necessary to be cautious about its use, and I will accordingly forward samples to you frequently for inspection.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 4th, 1902.

To the Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sr:-

I have the honor to request leave of absence for fourteen
dys, beginning the 15th instant.

During the current year I have had annual leave as follows:
Mz, 21, 22, 23 and 24, and August 21, 22 and 23, or total of seven days.

Respectfully,

Carroll H. ...
Clerk.

Respectfully recommended:

Lee C. ...
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 4th, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 1st instant inclosing copy of Department letter, of even date, accepting the proposal of the Diebold Safe and Lock Company, of Canton, Ohio, in amount Sixty-six Thousand Dollars (\$66,000.), for safety vaults and work incidental thereto, in the Mint Building, in this city, and authorizing me to issue and certify vouchers on account of the work, which directions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Law Selby
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 5th, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (Initial E.A.C.) of the 2nd instant informing me that the thickness of the cast iron smoke flue from the Deposit-Melting room, to be put in place under Mr. J. A. McGonigle's contract for the completion (except Steel Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint building, in this city, is to be 7/8", as noted on drawing No. 125, instead of 1" as specified, and I have informed the contractor accordingly.

Respectfully,

Leo Sullivan
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 5th, 1902.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Sir:-

Referring to your inquiry as to the thickness of the cast iron smoke flue from Deposit-Melting room, to be supplied under your contract for the Completion (except Steel Vaults, &c.) of the Mint building, in this city, I have to advise you that the Supervising Architect decides that the thickness of said flue is to be $7/8$ ", as noted on drawing No. 125, and not 1" as stated in the specification.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 6th, 1902.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request authority to expend Two Dollars and Forty Cents (\$2.40) for the purchase of two dozen tin cans in which to forward samples of Colorado Portland cement for test, as per instructions in Office letter of the 29th ultimo.

Respectfully,

Lee G. Gentry
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 8, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 4th instant, inclosing copy of Department letter, of even date, addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle accepting his proposal, in amount \$6,682. as an addition to his contract for the Completion (except Steel Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint building, in this city, under my charge, for extension of coal vault, etc., and instructing me to certify and issue vouchers in payment therefor from appropriation for the Mint Building, in this city, which instructions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 8th, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial E. A. C.) of the 5th instant, inclosing copy of Office letter, of even date, addressed to Messrs. S. Faith and Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, approving certain blue prints showing vacuum system to be installed in said building.

The receipt of a set of the approved prints (H-90 to H-95, inclusive,) is also hereby acknowledged.

Respectfully,

Superintendents.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 10, 1902.

Honorable H.A. Taylor,

Assistant Secretary, Treasury Department,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to your telegram of this date, informing Mr. Oscar Hinrichs, Clerk at the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge, that his application for leave has been granted, I have to state that said telegram was delivered "collect", \$1.10 being collected thereon.

As I understand that such telegrams are usually sent paid, or if sent collect, the charges to be at Government rates, I desire to ask whether there is not some error in this case and whether it was not intended that the charges should be paid by the Department, especially in view of the fact that Mr. Hinrichs did not desire to be notified by telegram, since a letter of the same date as your message would have reached him several days previous to the beginning of his leave.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

~~Director~~ Construction,

~~U.S.~~ Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 15th, 1902.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of two sets of shop drawings, Nos. 674 to 677, inclusive, for steel linings of vaults H, K and L to be put in place under Mr. J. A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except Certain Steel Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, which drawings were referred to in your letter (initial E. A. C.) of the 10th instant and which have been placed on file for reference during construction of the works.

Respectfully,

L. A. C.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 15, 1902.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial V.A.P.) of the 11th instant inclosing copy of Department letter of the date addressed to Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion except Certain Steel Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, authorizing the use of certain stock steel under his contract, which letter has been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint Building,
Denver, Colo, December 15th,

(Adtnl) Three fourths done	(Modified) Not begun
" Not commenced	" "
None	" "
(Modified) Not commenced	" "
(New) " "	" "
" " "	" "
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(Modfd) Not begun	" "
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	" "

S. Faith & Company have delivered some material for the electric wire conduits, and piping for the plumbing and steam power plant, but have not yet commenced work.

James A. McGonigle has nearly completed the excavating necessary for the extension of the coal vault as called for in the original plans and has begun the additional excavating required for the gas generating room and oil tanks, &c.

Respectfully,

Lee Bellamy
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 23rd, 1902.

Mr. J. M. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 20th instant, informing me that shop drawings, Nos. 674 to 677, inclusive, being details for the iron work of vaults H, K and L, to be put in place under Mr. J. A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, have been forwarded to me, and I have also to acknowledge the receipt of said drawings.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Berry
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., December 23rd, 1902.

December 27, 1902

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 20th instant, inclosing copy of Department letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, relative to the make of certain fixtures under their contract.

Respectfully,

Lee Wiley

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colorado, December, 29, 1902.

Honorable L. M. Shaw,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J. A. J. and F.), of the 24th instant informing me of the appointment of Mr. Herbert D. Bartlett as watchman in connection with the construction of the Mint Building under my superintendency for a probationary period of six months with compensation at the rate of \$840.00 per annum and authorizing me to certify vouchers for his services accordingly.

The letter to Mr. Bartlett enclosed with your letter has been mailed to him and after he subscribes to the oath of office I will forward the certificate of the same to you and will certify vouchers for his services as authorized.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

December 31st,

(Actual)	Completed.	(Modified)	Not begun
"	Not begun	"	"
	None	"	"
(Modified)	Not begun	"	"
(New)	"	"	"
"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"
(Modified)	Not begun	"	"
"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"

Smith & Company have delivered some material for the electric wire conduits, and piping for the plumbing and steam power plant, but have not yet commenced work.

James A. McGonigle has completed the excavating necessary for the extension of the coal vault and interior basement, and has practically completed the additional excavating required for the gas generating room, oil tanks, &c.

Respectfully,

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 2nd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I forward you herewith two photographic views showing the condition of the work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except Certain Steel Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint building, in this city, on the 1st instant, which photographic views were furnished by the contractor to be forwarded to you in accordance with paragraph 8 on page 6 of the specification forming part of Mr. McGonigle's contract.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 2nd, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt, by reference from you on the 29th ultimo, of letters, tracings, etc., from Mr. F. R. Healy, Engineer in charge of Denver Mint equipment, relative to a modification of the floor finish in the Coining room of the Mint building, in this city, under my charge, with request that I obtain from the contractor a proposal for the substitution of the floor recommended in lieu of that specified, and in reply I will state that I have communicated with the contractor requesting a proposition, and immediately upon its receipt I will forward the same to you with my recommendation.

Respectfully,

Lee H. ...
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 2nd, 1903.

The Honorable L.M. Shaw,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I forward to you herewith certificate of oath of office of Mr. Herbert D. Bartlett as Watchman in connection with the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge, which oath of office was administered on the 1st instant and from which date I will issue and certify vouchers to him in payment of his services, as authorized in your letter (initial F.) of the 24th ultimo.

Respectfully,

Lee A. Allen
Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 2nd, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

Sir:-

I will thank you to forward to me, at your earliest convenience, a proposal stating the amount for which you will substitute, in lieu of the concrete and granolithic finish now included in your contract, the following floor finish in the Coining room of the Mint building, in this city, namely, 1 1/2" thick magnabestos blocks 6"x 36" directly over the floor beams, bedded in Portland cement and secured to the beams with suitable copper clips and copper wire, then a 1/4" thick coat of hard plaster and one layer of asbestos roofing paper, asphalted, and 2" thick granolithic finish, composed as specified for granolithic finish now under your contract.

I will also thank you to state the amount for which you will make this substitution in only that portion of the Coining room floor which is above the Boiler room portion of the basement.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 5th, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer,

Office of Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request authority to make expenditure of Twenty-two Dollars (\$22.) as payment for telephone service in the temporary office at the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge, from the 20th instant till April 1st, next.

Payment has been made for telephone service until the 20th instant, as authorized by your letter of October 16th, last, and as the telephone company desires that all payments be made quarterly to conform to the calendar quarter of each year, I will thank you for authority to issue a voucher as requested.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 5th, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt this day of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 2nd instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of same date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, relative to the approval of blue print H-96 showing Green Fuel Economizer to be used in said contract, which blue print has also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of their contract.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 6th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions in Department letter (initial S.) of the 3rd instant, I will proceed to Pueblo, Colorado, on the 7th instant and again make examination of all matters in connection with the unsatisfactory and defective work supplied under contract with L.L. Leach & Sons at the Post Office building in that city, and will take with me a copy of Mr. Nealy's report on said work to assist in the examination.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Bailey

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint building,
Denver, Colo., January 9th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring again to Department letter (initial S.) of the 3rd instant, instructing me to proceed to Pueblo, Colorado, and again make examination of the Post Office building, in that city, in connection with Mr. Nealy's report on the same with special reference to serving as a witness in the case of the United States against L. L. Leach & Son, in Chicago, I will state that I proceeded to Pueblo early on the 7th instant and spent that day and yesterday in going over the building with the Postmaster and Janitor with a view to preparing themselves as well as myself to testify on all points referred to by Mr. Nealy in his report, so that I consider them and myself competent witnesses to the matter covered by Mr. Nealy.

In case I shall be again advised to proceed to Chicago as a witness in said case, I will advise you as to the time of my departure from and return to Denver, as directed in Department letter mentioned.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 9th, 1903.

H.C.B. Morrison,

Assistant United States District Attorney,

537 Monadnock Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 6th instant and also to that of Mr. Bethea of the same date relative to my visit to Pueblo, Colorado, and examination of the Post Office building in company with the Postmaster and Janitor, using Mr. Nealy's report while doing so, and also with reference to your suggestion that I take a copy of the bill of particulars in the case against Leach & Son, I will say that I have just returned from Pueblo and that I took with me Mr. Nealy's report and a copy of the bill of particulars, which you furnished me some time ago, and went over the building to make the examination and point out all defects now existing as referred to in the report and bill of particulars, so that I instructed the Postmaster and Janitor as fully as possible at this time (although the Janitor did not need the instruction as he fully remembered having gone over the matter with Mr. Nealy and with me also at the times of my examination). The Postmaster will, I am satisfied, be a very good witness in the case, as he is now thoroughly conversant with the matter. He was not postmaster and consequently was not at the building when the defects of sidewalks, basement floor and the roof developed some years ago, so he cannot testify as to their condition, except that he, as a citizen and passerby, noticed casually,

the defects in the sidewalk.

I yesterday took him into the basement and dug up a portion of the old basement floor in a room used for the Post Office Inspectors and which floor had not been removed when the new basement floor generally was put down, and he is competent to testify as to the defects there found which were substantially the same as I found when examining the original basement floor generally before repairing the same.

There have been extensive repairs and alterations in the building within the past summer, so that an examination of some portions of the building cannot be made now to verify Mr. Nealy's statements, but the Postmaster (Mr. Mitchell) is fully conversant relative to the conditions existing previous to said repairs and we went over the various items in the report and bill of particulars so as to fully refresh his memory concerning the same. I will also state that a similar request was made of the Janitor, Mr. Isaac French, has been sick for several weeks, and although he is convalescent and was at the building yesterday, I am in doubt as to the probability of his being able to testify in court, yet he asserts that he will be able and I suggest that he be again subpoenaed, but in case he is not able to testify, I am satisfied that the statements in Mr. Nealy's report that you will want testified to can be fully covered by Mr. Mitchell and myself. The Postmaster will

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OFFICE OF

SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 12th, 1903.

Mr. James A. Wetmore,

Acting Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

There have been extensive repairs and alterations in the building within the past summer, so that an examination of some portions of the building cannot be made now to verify Mr. Nealy's statements relative to photographic views furnished by the contractor showing progress of work under his contract for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, in which letter you request that hereafter I mail said photographs flat instead of rolled, and in reply will say that your request will be complied with. I will also state that a similar request was made by Office letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 5th instant, which letter was received at this office during my absence in Pueblo under instructions in Department letter (initial S.) of the 3rd instant.

Respectfully,

but in case he is not able to testify, that the statements in Mr. Nealy's report that can be fully covered by Mr. Mitchell and myself.

Superintendent.

Respectfully

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 13th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 10th instant requesting me to obtain from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, proposals for furnishing and placing extra heavy canvas over nonconducting coverings on draft fan, etc., and also a proposal to furnish and put in place an exhaust head on the main exhaust pipe above the roof of said building, and in reply will say that I have requested Messrs. Faith & Company to furnish the two said proposals, which, upon receipt, will be forwarded to you at once.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 13th, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:-

I am directed by the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department to obtain from you a proposal for placing a galvanized iron exhaust head on the main exhaust pipe above the roof, under your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint building, in this city, the said exhaust to be supplied with drip pipe extending down to drip system at foot of exhaust pipe, and you are requested to state the name and make of said exhaust head which you propose to use, and I will thank you to forward said proposal to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

John B. Thompson
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 13th, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:-

I am requested to obtain from you a proposal for furnishing and placing an extra heavy canvas over the nonconducting coverings on draft fan, attic exhaust fan housings, connecting ducts, etc., under your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint building, in this city, the said canvas to be sewed on and given two coats of paint, and I have to request that you will forward said proposal to me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Superintendent

Office of
 SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
 U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 14th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial
 E.A.C.) of the 10th instant, inclosing copy of Office letter of
 even date addressed to the Diebold Safe and Lock Company in ref-
 erence to shop drawings Nos. 4276 to 4277, inclusive, for certain
 vault work to be supplied in connection with the Mint building, in
 this city, under my charge, and I have also to acknowledge the re-
 ceipt of one print each of said shop drawings.

Respectfully,
 Respectfully,

Sam. H. H. H.
 Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

January 13th,

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(Status) Completed.

(Modified) Not begun

Not begun Department, Washington, D.C.

None

(Modified) Not begun

the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst., enclosing copy of Office Memorandum of the 1st inst.,

re: the proposed work to be done by the Denver Safe and Lock Company, and

plans of the proposed work, Nos. 1 to 177, inclusive, for certain

work (Modified) Not begun connection with the Mint building.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt of the plans of said shop drawings.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

S. Faith & Company have delivered some material for the electric wire conduits, and piping for the plumbing and steam power plant, but have not yet commenced work.

James A. McGonigle has completed the excavating under his contract and additional excavating for the gas generating room, oil tanks, etc., and is now receiving the steel for ceilings, vault foundation, etc.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 17th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial E. A. C.) of the 12th instant, forwarding photographs of models, from 1 to 9, inclusive, for work to be supplied under Mr. J. A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint building, in this city, under my charge, which photographs have also been received.

Respectfully,

Benjamin C. ...
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 17th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of a letter of the 9th instant from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint building, in this city, requesting information as to the size of enameled brick to be used by him under his contract, which letter was referred by you to me on the 14th instant with the request that I give the necessary instructions to the contractor in the matter, and I will say that I have advised him to use enameled brick 3" x 9" which will be the most suitable for bonding with the common brickwork, as five courses of the enameled brick will build to the same height as six courses of the common brick used in this locality.

Respectfully,

W. H. Lacey
Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, January 17th, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (Initial J.C.P.) of October 31st, last, I delivered to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint building, in this city, a copy of drawing No. 139 showing modification in ventilating louvres of skylight and change of condensation gutters and requested him to forward to me a proposal stating the amount, in addition to his contract, for which he would make the changes, etc., and to put in place the work as shown, and in response to my letter he has delivered to me the enclosed letter and blue print relative to a modification of the operating appliance for the louvres which he desires to have substituted for drawing No. 139.

I forward the same to you for your examination, and if it is satisfactory the contractor will forward a proposal at an early date based upon the same.

The sleeve indicated near the hand-wheel on the blue print, where the shaft passes through the terra cotta partition, would not appear satisfactory, and in order to insure durability it would seem neces-

nary to provide a bracket secured to the column, as indicated on drawing No. 139. The dimensions are not noted on the plan, and the operating rod at the top is erroneously shown secured to the architrave above the shutter. It would seem that in order to provide the most efficient service that said rod should be attached to a bracket as shown on drawing No. 139, which gives greater leverage in operating the same, tending to close the shutter storm-tight, and it would seem also that dimensions of all parts should be noted on the plans. The segment of the gear wheel operated by the worm gear is indicated to be cast iron, whereas the quadrant for the same purpose on drawing No. 139, is noted "bronze", and it is desired to know whether the cast iron will answer, also whether the gears are to be all cut or allowed to be cast.

While the contractor's object in substituting this drawing, in lieu of drawing No. 139, is to avoid the necessity of special patterns, it would seem that the proposed method is not entirely satisfactory; but the necessary changes can be made without the necessity of special patterns, and I would thank you to inform me as early as possible whether the method proposed can be substituted, and, if so, state what, if any, modifications you desire from the method the contractor offers, and I will proceed immediately thereafter to obtain a proposal in accordance therewith or insist upon obtaining a proposal based on work shown by drawing No. 139.

It is understood, of course, that the contractor will, in his proposal, include an amount for the additional condensation gutters under skylight, as shown on drawing No. 139, whatever plan is adopted for ventilators.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 19th, 1903.

To the Acting Custodian,

U.S. Court House and Post Office,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to our conference and the efforts to provide additional file room for the Clerk of the District Court in your building without encroaching upon the Court room space and at the same time provide additional space so urgently called for by other officials in your building, I present to you herewith sketches showing floor plans of the second and third stories of the building with modifications, as follows:

By removing the stairway in the rear of the building, which extends from the second to the third floor, and enclosing said stairhall with partitions along the lines of the corridor, placing floor construction and finish in the same at the third floor line, two rooms can be provided, each about sixteen feet square, which would be very desirable and convenient. The cost of floor construction, partitions and all finish in the same will be approximately \$2,000.00, as shown by the estimate which is also enclosed herewith.

The new room on the second floor, thus provided, can be used as a jury room in lieu of the rear third story room now so used. The new room on the third floor can be used by the Secret Service official

and the Railway Mail Service can be shifted and occupy the room now used by the Secret Service official and one room they now occupy. This will permit the U.S. Marshal to occupy two rooms on the third floor at the rear, one of which is at present occupied by the jury and one by the Railway Mail Service, then by inserting a partition across the present Marshal's room, the necessary file room will be afforded to the District Clerk and also a room provided for the Superintendent of Forestry, for whom an unsuccessful attempt was made to prepare a room in the attic of the building.

As said stairway is seldom or almost never used, the space can be put to infinitely more use by providing two additional office rooms for the service, and as the cost of the same together with the partition in the Marshal's room to accommodate the Superintendent of Forestry will not exceed \$2,250.00, I would recommend that an effort be made to secure this change.

This item of expense does not include the cost of additional file case for the Clerk of the Court or the moving of the several offices in the building, as suggested.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 19th, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt, by reference from you, of a letter of January 8th from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Steel Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint building, in this city, proposing to reduce the height of interior door openings, where required, by lowering the steel lintels now in place and filling the space above same with terra cotta to conform to the present work of partitions, without additional expense to the Government, which letter was referred to me for my recommendation.

In regard to the same, I will state that drawing No. 118, a part of Mr. McGonigle's contract set, shows door openings "A" to be furred down, also doors "C" with the note "Openings wherever 12 feet high to be furred down with expanded metal", and Mr. McGonigle has conferred with me relative to the substitution of terra cotta for the metal furring and lath. It would seem to me advisable to make such a change for, as planned, the durability of the work would depend upon the noncorrosion of the metal work and there might be some cracking of the plaster where the metal work joins the terra cotta owing to expansion and contraction of

the metal, whereas, if the present steel lintels are dropped to the proper height for openings as modified and the space above filled with terra cotta similar to the surrounding work of the partition, it would make a homogeneous construction which would be permanent, and, as the expense is approximately the same for the two methods of construction, I recommend that Mr. McGonigle's proposal be accepted to perform said work without expense to the Government.

I return herewith the above mentioned letter from Mr. McGonigle.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 20th, 1903.

Mr. J.W. Roberts,

Supt. Construction, U.S. Post Office Building,
San Francisco, California.

My Dear Mr. Roberts:-

When I was in San Francisco last summer I spoke to you about the method of securing the joinery work in the building without driving nails through the wood work and you mentioned some method by which it could be done and said you would explain it fully later, but I neglected to remind you of it and now we are up against it.

The specification for work now under contract here states, among other things, that "All nails must be driven in quirks or angles and all finish as far as possible must be secured in place from the back, or with screws so placed as to be entirely concealed, and nowhere are wood plugs to be employed for securing the finish to the walls", and, as I presume you have the same clause in your specification, I would be glad if you would inform me how the work can be secured in place from the back in the case of door-frames, etc., at the terra cotta partitions and how you would avoid the use of wood plugs for securing the wood finish. Do you not require wood plugs to secure the grounds to the walls? If you have any contrivance or invention by which the work can be secured as specified, I would be glad if you

would send me, by mail, a sample of the contrivance.

I send you under separate cover an enlargement of one of the pictures I took last summer while in San Francisco, which will probably be more interesting than the others because it shows the whole party except myself, and I hope it will reach you in good condition. To the large storage vault in the basement of

With best wishes, I am,

Respectfully yours, J. P. Flanagan,

Superintendent.

Office
 Construction,
 U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 21st, 1904.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of steel bars, etc., to be bedded in the concrete for the floor under large storage vault in the basement of the Mint building, in this city, as provided in paragraph 1, page 13, of the specification for Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of said building under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract, I find no special reference to painting or asphaltting of said steel work or of the iron work to be encased in the concrete floor of the pit beneath said vault, and I desire to know whether it is intended to put in said iron work without coating, intending that corrosion will be prevented by the cement in the concrete.

Respectfully,

Yours to be supplied, and I would
 be glad to see the approved, one
 of the material and
 Superintendent.

Respectfully

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 21st, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Superising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to paragraph 380 in the specification for the Mechanical Equipent at the Mint building, in this city, under contract with Messrs. S. Faith & Company, giving instructions to bidders, which states "after award of the contract, must submit for approval detail drawings and specification in triplicate covering boilers, furnaces, settings and smoke connections to smoke header", I have now to state that four boilers for use in the building arrived yesterday and have been deposited upon the grounds at this building, and although the contract with Messrs. Faith & Company states that Morrin Inclined Water Tube boilers, made by the Clonbrock Steam Boiler Company, are to be supplied, the boilers furnished have no mark of identification by which the manufacture or style can be determined. I have no drawings showing the style, etc., of boilers to be supplied, and I would suggest that, in case drawings have been sent to you and approved, one set be forwarded to this office as a guide in accepting material and giving instructions relative to placing the same.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 24th, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer, Office of Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial P.) of the 21st instant relative to a communication and bill of Mr. Ernest C. Bairstow, of your city, for plaster models for the Mint building, in this city, under my charge, reported to have been shipped to said building, and in reply will say that immediately upon the receipt of the models I will inform you as requested in your letter.

Respectfully,

John C. Bailey
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 24th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 10th instant, I have obtained from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint building, in this city, a proposal, in amount \$192.00, for furnishing and putting in place a galvanized iron exhaust head on exhaust pipe above roof of said building and supplying the same with a drip extending into the Boiler Room to drip well, and, as I deem said proposal to be reasonable (being approximately the amount paid for an exhaust head put in place at the Post Office building, in this city, in 1901), I recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 24th, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial L.M.L.) of the 20th instant making a proposal, in amount \$192.00, for supplying a heavy galvanized iron exhaust head on main exhaust pipe above roof under your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint building, in this city, and I have forwarded your proposal to the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department for his consideration.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 24th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 10th instant, I have obtained from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint building, in this city, a proposal, in amount \$98.00, for placing extra heavy canvas over non-conducting covering on draft fan, attic exhaust fan housing connecting ducts, etc., and I forward herewith said proposal, the amount of which I judge is reasonable and recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

L. Kelly
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 24th, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial L.M.L.) of the 20th instant making a proposal, in amount \$98.00, for extra heavy canvas covering on draft fan, etc., to be put in place under your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of Mint Building, in this city, which proposal has been forwarded to the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department for his consideration.

Respectfully,

L. M. L.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 26th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt, by reference from you on the 22nd instant, of a letter of the 20th instant from the Honorable Postmaster General relative to a balcony in the Money Order room and other changes in the Post Office building, in this city, with the request that I make full report, forward sketches, estimate of cost, etc., for the proposed work in said building, and in reply will say that I have conferred with the Assistant Postmaster and other officials at the Post Office building, the Assistant Superintendent of the Salary and Allowance Division being absent, and I will forward to you as soon as possible a statement relative to said changes, together with all data obtainable, as requested by you.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 26th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23rd ultimo relative to the operating device for Louvres for which Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint building, in this city, desired to submit a proposal for a device other than that shown by Office drawing No. 139, and I have advised the said contractor that the appliance indicated on the sketch, which he submitted, is not satisfactory and have again requested him to submit a proposal based upon drawing No. 139.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

~~OFFICE OF~~
~~SUPERINTENDENT OF~~ Construction,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 26th, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Uniontown, Pennsylvania.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter of the 16th instant, submitting to me a plan prepared by Hitchings & Company of New York, showing change of the operating device for the Louvres for which you were requested to submit a proposal in addition to your contract for Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc) of the Mint building, in this city, I will state that the said sketch prepared by Hitchings & Company has been forwarded to the Supervising Architect, but he informs me that the same is not satisfactory and directs that a proposal be obtained for the work in accordance with drawing No. 139, and I will therefore thank you to forward to me at your earliest convenience a proposal stating the amount in accordance therewith. Said drawing, No. 139, I believe is still in your possession.

I return to you herewith one blue print and one letter of the 10th ultimo from Hitchings & Company, which you left with me at the time of your visit here. The other drawing was not returned from the Supervising Architect.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 27th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J. C. P.) of the 24th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of same date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint building, in this city, under my charge, accepting his proposal to substitute terra cotta fireproofing over certain interior doorways in said building in lieu of steel construction with expanded metal lath, the same to be without additional cost to the Government, and I have placed said letter on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Barry
Superintendent.

~~Supervising Architect~~
~~Supervising Architect~~ Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 28th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to letter of the 20th instant from the Honorable H. C. Payne, Postmaster General, addressed to the Honorable, The Secretary of the Treasury and referred by you to me on the 22nd instant, relative to additional accommodations to be provided in the Money Order and Registry Divisions of the Post Office building, in this city, I forward herewith a sketch of a portion of the first floor of said building showing the location of a proposed balcony in the Money Order Division, the location of a hoist in the Registry Division, extending to the mezzanine floor (already in place), also change of a window to a door near the mailing platform and the extension of the present mailing platform, all of which changes are indicated in red ink on said sketch.

The balcony in the Money Order Division will be of some use for storage, but as there is no room for a stairway leading to the same and a movable ladder must be supplied, access to the balcony will be difficult, so that I apprehend that a balcony, if placed, would be but seldom used. The Assistant Postmaster is not in

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favor of the balcony, and the occupants of the room do not strongly urge it, although they need storage space, which I consider can be gained by the use of other file cases (furniture) higher than those which they now have. The balcony if placed should be above the doors leading to the Stamp Room and corridor, constructed entirely of wood and painted, to cost approximately \$200.00.

The hoist will be needed only during the Christmas holiday business of a few weeks as the mezzanine floor is not used except at that time. The hoist should consist of a light cable with over-head pulley and counter-balanced shelves secured to the cable to be raised from near the first floor to about five feet above the mezzanine floor now in place and be enclosed with wood as indicated. The probable cost of the hoist would be \$50.00.

The window at the rear if removed, the opening cut down, the granite mailing platform extended and new doors supplied, as indicated, would cost approximately \$1,500.00, but would be useful only to the Railway Mail clerks when they receive registered packages for outgoing mail or deliver them upon their arrival to the Registry Division. It is claimed that, as now arranged, the Railway Mail clerks sometimes come to the doorway between the Registry room and the Working room to transact business when the City carriers are receiving mail for delivery, and some inconvenience and delay result therefrom, and, as the said doorway to the Registry Division cannot be enlarged, the occupants suggested changing the exterior window to a door, as indicated; but after investigation I am satisfied that the inconvenience

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or delay is of little consequence compared with the liability of theft, etc., in case an exterior opening is made from the mailing platform directly into the Registry Division, as the doorway opens a new avenue from the mailing platform, which is almost never guarded, to the rear of the Registry room where exists the greatest danger of theft. The rear windows of the Registry room have all recently been provided with iron grilles because of the fact that within the past year the Registry Division was entered through the window and the office robbed, which would likely be repeated in case the proposed doorway is supplied.

The closets needed for file room and the compartment cases mentioned as desired, would be approximately seven feet high and are purely matters of furniture.

The present Post Office building is very much crowded, but the changes mentioned in the Postmaster General's letter, as requested by the Post Office Inspectors, would not, in my opinion, after conference with the officials at the building, give much relief, but an extension of the building by a brick addition along Arapahoe Street side of the building, as shown by the blue print which I forward herewith, would cost approximately \$25,000.00 and afford accommodation for the Post Office service for approximately ten years and be in every way more satisfactory than by supplying mezzanine floors which are more or less inaccessible and consequently very seldom used.

I return herewith the said letter from the Postmaster General and trust the information given will enable you to reach a conclusion as to the needs of the service.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 30, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 27th instant inclosing copy of Office letter of same date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint building, in this city, relative to boilers, etc., delivered at this building for which no tests or layout have been made or approved, and with regard to the telegram received on the 27th instant, directing me not to permit the installation of the boilers, I will say that the contractors have no representative or workmen at the building at this time, consequently no boilers or material in connection therewith will be installed until further instructions from you.

Respectfully,

Lee Wiley

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

January 31st. 1903

CONDITION of Work at this date.		CONDITION of Work at this date	
(Adtnl).	Completed	ROOFING. (Modified)	Not begun
"	Not begun	PLUMBING.	" "
	None	GAS-PIPING.	" "
(Modified)	Not begun	GLAZING.	" "
(New)	" "	PAINING.	" "
"	" "	VAULTS.	" "
"	" "	APPROACHES.	" "
(Modified)	Not begun	HEATING.	" "
	" "	ELECTRIC WIRING.	" "
		ELEVATORS.	" "

GENERAL REMARKS.

S. Faith & Company have delivered some material for the electric wire conduits, and piping for the plumbing and steam power plant, also four boilers, galvanized iron flues, etc., but have not yet commenced work.

James A. McGonigle has completed the excavating under his contract and additional excavating for the gas generating room, oil tanks, etc., and is now receiving steel for ceilings, vault foundation, etc.

Respectfully,

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., January 31st, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 28th instant, relative to the painting of the steel work to be bedded in concrete at vaults under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint building, in this city, informing me that the steel referred to may be properly classed as structural steel and as such requires painting as called for on page 25 of the specification, and the contractor will be instructed accordingly.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 2nd, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request authority to make expenditure of Thirteen Dollars and Fifty Cents for three tons of coal (2240 lbs. each) for fuel in the temporary office at the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 2nd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter (initial S.) of November 25th, last, informing me of the acceptance of the proposal of A.R. Thompson & Company, in the sum of \$380.00, for the erection of a mezzanine gallery in the Registry Division of the U.S. Court House and Post Office building, in this city, and instructing me to render the Custodian assistance and when the work was completed in accordance with the agreement, to report the fact to your Office, I have now to state that the said work has been satisfactorily completed and I have advised the Custodian accordingly and initialed a voucher to be used in payment for the same.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 5th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I forward to you herewith a proposition from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint building, in this city, to use two $3/8"$ x $1"$ clips, with bolts, for securing the $1 1/2"$ x $1 1/2"$ angles to the beams of corridor ceilings in the first and second stories under his contract, in lieu of $3"$ x $4"$ angles riveted, as shown in detail on drawing No. 113, the proposed method being shown by the blue print, two copies of which are herewith inclosed for your inspection. As the proposed method will, in my judgment, be substantial and will avoid breaking out the terra cotta arches, which would be necessary for drilling the beams and riveting the same (the floor arches being now in good condition), and as the change will be without expense to the Government, I recommend that the contractor be authorized to perform the work in accordance with the inclosed proposition.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 5th, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter (initial P.) of the 21st ultimo, relative to Mr. Ernest C. Bairstow's bill for plaster models for use under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint building, in this city, informing me that payment will not be made for said models until I have advised you of the delivery of the same, I have now to state that said models have been received, unpacked and found to be in accordance with the photographs forwarded to me by the Supervising Architect on the 12th ultimo.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 6th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 2nd instant, inclosing copy of letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint building, in this city, informing him of the acceptance of sample Red Vermont marble for floor borders, White Vermont marble for stair treads and tiles, and White Vermont marble for wall work under this contract and informing me that said samples have been shipped to this office, which samples have been received and placed on file for my guidance in accepting the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 7th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J. C. P.) of the 3rd instant, inclosing copy of Department letter of same date accepting proposal, in amount One Hundred and Ninety-two Dollars (\$192.00), from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, for furnishing and placing galvanized iron exhaust head on the main exhaust pipe above roof, etc., and authorizing me to issue and certify vouchers for the same, which will be done at the completion of said work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building.

Denver, Colo., February 7th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 4th instant, inclosing copy of Department letter of the 3rd instant, accepting proposal, in amount Ninety-eight Dollars (\$98.00), from Messrs. S. Raith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint building, in this city, for furnishing and placing extra heavy canvas over the nonconducting coverings on draft fan, attic exhaust fan housings, etc., and authorizing me to certify and issue vouchers in payment for the same, which vouchers will be issued upon completion of said work.

Respectfully,

L. S. Bell
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 9th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 5th instant relative to forwarding samples of white lead, red lead and linseed oil supplied by Mr. James A. McGonigle for use under his contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building, in this city, and in compliance with your instructions I will forward said samples at the earliest possible time, the contractor having at this time none of said material available from which samples can be taken.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 9th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 3th instant inclosing copy of Office letter of same date to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, relative to shop drawings Nos. 1 to 11, inclusive, for certain steel work in the building, two sets of which drawings have also been received this day for reference during construction of the work under Mr. McGonigle's contract.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 10th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sirs-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 7th instant inclosing copy of Office letter of same date addressed to The Diebold Safe & Lock Company relative to blue print of shop drawing No. 4290, which has also been received, showing construction of vault doors to be supplied and placed under their contract for Vaults, Vault Doors, &c., Mint Building, in this city, which drawing has been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 10th, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have been subpoenaed to appear as a witness in the U.S. Circuit Court of the Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, on the 17th instant, and in order to comply with the requirements, I will leave Denver on the 15th instant, and as the condition of the work at this building will permit my absence for a few days, I have to request leave of absence for four days to begin on or about the 19th instant at the conclusion of my duties in connection with said case in court.

Respectfully,

W. B. ...
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 11th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of yesterday relative to subpoena as witness in the case of the United States against Leach & Son, to be tried in Chicago on the 17th instant, I will state that the Assistant United States District Attorney has informed me that the case has been postponed until May, consequently I desire to withdraw my request made yesterday for leave of absence for four days, which was to begin on or about the 19th instant.

I regret that the case has been postponed until May as it is likely building operations will be quite active here at that time and my absence from the building will not be so convenient as at the present time.

Respectfully,

Lee Bailey
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 12th, 1903.

Mr. James A. Wetmore,

Acting Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 9th instant relative to a package received at your Office and which you say is post-marked "Denver, Colo.," and apparently contains sand and referring to which you instruct me to advise you and give the name of the building to which the sample relates, as there are no other marks of identification on said package. In reply I will state that I have been unable to learn anything concerning said package, unless it is a package containing some scales from the boilers at the Court House & Post Office building in this city. The Custodian of said building says he sent a package to the Supervising Architect about a month ago and a second package on the 10th instant (the latter no doubt will be received soon), and at the time of mailing the first sample he forwarded a letter regarding the same.

The contractor's foreman at the Mint Building here informs me that they have not sent any samples to you from the building recently, the sample of sand having been approved by your Office on November 18th, last. I have been unable to obtain any other information tending to identify the sample of which you make inquiry.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 12th, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 9th instant inclosing a copy of Mr. Fred. W. Lepper's report of the 6th instant and copy of Office letter of the 9th instant to Mr. James A. McGonigle relative to steel vault linings manufactured by Bollinger & Company for use under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint building, in this city, and the statements relative to the fitting of the steel plates has been noted and the matter will be considered when inspecting the vault material upon its arrival at the building.

Respectfully,

Lee P. ...
Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

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(Adnl.)	Completed	(Modified)	Not begun
"	Not begun	"	"
	None	"	"
(Modified)	Not begun	"	"
(New)	"	"	"
"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"
	(Modified) Not begun	"	"
	"	"	"
		"	"

S. Faith & Company have delivered some material for the electric wire conduits, and piping for the plumbing and steam power plant, also four boilers, galvanized iron flues, etc., but have not yet commenced work.

James A. McGonigle has completed the excavating under his contract and additional excavating for gas generating room, oil tanks, etc., and is now receiving steel for ceilings, vault foundation, etc.

The weather has been unfavorable for building operations so far this month.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 16th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 12th instant, inclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint building, in this city, to substitute bolted clamps, in lieu of riveted angles as shown on drawing No. 113, for holding furring supports of vaulted ceilings of corridors in first and second stories, as per blue print also inclosed with your letter.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 19th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt, by reference from you, of letter of the 10th instant from Mr. E. P. Valentine, Acting Custodian, Post Office and Court House, in this city, with several enclosures relative to constructing a stairway from the Money Order Division, in first floor of said building, to the Railway Mail Clerk's Swing-Room directly beneath same in the basement, and as to your request for a recommendation concerning the same, will say that I spent several days within the past two weeks investigating the probability of changes for the benefit of the Money Order office in said building, having conferred with the Acting Custodian after he forwarded said letter of the 10th instant to the Department, and we concluded that it was impracticable to construct said stairway, as the room in the basement was unsuitable for the service from lack of light, etc., and the stairway would almost cover one of the two small windows and would be interfered with by the nest of heating pipes now in place in the basement.

I suggested a number of changes that might be made throughout the building to accommodate the entire service now in the build-

ing by removing several offices, etc., all of which appeared satisfactory at the time, but the plan was finally abandoned because the Postmaster withdrew his consent to the changes.

I will confer with the Acting Custodian again tomorrow, after which I will write you more fully relative to the changes I had suggested and more definitely as to the recommendation for stairway from Money Order Division to basement, at which time I will return to you the letters which you forwarded to me as stated above.

Respectfully,

Lee Wiley
Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 24th, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial P.) of the 21st instant calling my attention to the fact that voucher No. 294, issued January 19th, in payment for telephone service in the Superintendent's office, Mint building, in this city, for the period from January 20th to April 1st, made payment in advance for said service which was in violation of Department regulations, and in reply I will state that the telephone company's requirements are that payments shall be made quarterly in advance, and the payment from January 20th to April 1st, was due January 1st and the company sent me a notice on January 1st to that effect, and as previous payment had been made to cover the period to January 20th, the remaining \$22.00 was then due to pay for the service for the remainder of the first quarter of this year. I must confess that I was not aware of the said Departmental regulation, and in order to avoid the annoyance of frequent notices from the company I made the payment on the date mentioned for the remainder of the quarter, the whole amount having been due, according to the telephone company's regulations, nearly three weeks previous to that time. However, as Depart-

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ment regulations prohibit payment in advance, I shall discontinue that practice which I have been following until this time in the matter of water rent for this office for the past five years without instructions to the contrary.

In regard to the second matter, namely voucher No. 292, in amount \$792.00, issued December 31st, 1902, to Mr. James A. McGonigle for work under his contract accepted August 25th, 1902, for Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) Mint Building, in this city, in which voucher I made no mention of the item in amount \$6,682.00 which was an addition to his contract, the proposal for which was accepted December 4th, 1902, I will state that said method has been followed since the beginning of my work as superintendent and understood to be in compliance with the requirements in paragraph 7, Section XXXV, "Instructions to Superintendents" showing a voucher in payment for extra labor and material, which does not show the addition of the extra to the amount of the original contract, and also paragraph 1 and 2, Section XLI, of said instructions which requires that "in no case will extra work be paid for upon a voucher with contract items", also that "in no case must any voucher contain items pertaining to two separate contracts or proposals," which instructions (never modified so far as I have been advised) I believed I was following in preparing said voucher as well as voucher No. 296, in amount \$1,080.00, issued to Mr. McGonigle January 31st, 1903, being a payment for excavating in the extra work mentioned.

While I have always considered it would simplify matters in

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preparing vouchers if additions and deductions were added to or subtracted from the amount of the original contract, I considered it my duty to obey instructions regardless of my own views, hence I followed the directions in the "Instructions to Superintendents", as I understood them. However, I will hereafter prepare the vouchers to show the amount of the contract with additions or deductions as the case may be, as per your recent instructions until I am given other instructions to the contrary.

Respectfully,

L. B. Bellamy
Superintendent

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 24th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 21st instant forwarding one copy of drawing No. 140 showing change in the rear door of the engine room (being made to slide), Mint Building, in this city, with the request that I obtain from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc) of said building, a proposal stating the amount, in addition to his contract, for which he will make said change, and in reply I will state that I have forwarded said drawing to Mr. McGonigle with a request for a proposal which will be forwarded to you immediately upon its receipt. I have also to state that only one copy of said drawing has been received, and I will thank you to forward another copy for the files of my office.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 24th, 1903.

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Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

Sir:-

I forward to you herewith a copy of drawing No. 140, showing change of the rear door to the engine room of the Mint Building, in this city (which doors are made to slide), and I will thank you to forward to me at your earliest convenience a proposal stating the amount, in addition to your contract for Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.), for which you will make the change shown on the drawing, all material to be as indicated and of quality to comply with the general requirements of the specification, etc., now forming part of your contract.

Respectfully,

Wm. A. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 20th, 1903.

To James A. McGonigle,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Skylight louvre drawing is hundred thirty-nine, have office copy only. Can't spare it. Ask Supervising Architect. Yours probably with Hitchings and Company, New York. Drawing thirty-five not in your work.

Superintendent Ullery, Mint.

Official business,
Gov. rate, collect.

Respectfully,

TELEGRAM.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 28th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 24th instant, inclosing letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, advising that the sample of raw linseed oil submitted has been approved, and that the sample of varnish submitted, has been rejected.

Respectfully,

Lee Elling
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., February 28th, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Replying to your request of the 16th instant, for a recommendation relative to placing a spiral stairway from the Money Order room to the room beneath same in basement at the Court House and Post Office building, in this city, and supplementary to my letter to you of the 19th instant, I now have to say that after several consultations with the Acting Custodian and officials of the building, they agree that the room in the basement proposed to be used, would be unsuitable for the occupancy of clerks owing to the poor light and other inconveniences, on account of which it would be a hardship to ask clerks to occupy desks in said room. The probable cost of fitting up said space would be \$500. for stairs, about \$500. for cutting and removing the floor, removal and repair to floor arches, finished floor and rearranging the nest of heating pipes in the basement room, and about \$700. for wood floor, plastering, etc., in said basement room, making a total of \$1,700. which I consider would not be well expended.

As a substitute, I recommend the arrangement shown by the three blue prints herewith inclosed, being plans of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors

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of said building. The changes consist in the removal of the rear stairs from the second to the third floor, as said stairway is seldom used; extend the third floor in said stair well to the rear wall, using iron beams, terra cotta arches, finished wood floor, etc.; place terra cotta partitions on the second and third floor to inclose said stair well into two additional rooms, the partition in the third story between the new room and the present toilet room to be moved and set 4 feet and 6 inches from its present position into the toilet. This will leave sufficient space in the toilet room for placing basins and urinal stalls along said partition and between same and the doorway, and will provide ample space in said toilet room for the service.

The Secret Service Agent now in the third story in room adjoining said stair well would be moved to the new room in second story; the Railway Mail clerks in third story to be moved to the room now occupied by the Secret Service Agent and the new room provided at stair well. The jury room at the southeast corner of the third story would be given up and the Railway Mail clerks room, now adjoining Secret Service Agent's room would be used as a jury room. The two doors from the new jury room leading to rooms on each side, should be removed and the openings closed up. The large room in third story now occupied by the Railway Mail Clerks and the large jury room, would be occupied by the United States Marshal who would be moved from his present quarters in the second story. The new Marshal's rooms to be supplied with a vault to be removed from his present room and a prisoners' cage of steel supplied as shown on the drawing, and the two rooms for the Marshal to be connected by new

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doorway, as indicated. This doorway from the new Marshal's room to the rooms occupied by the Land Office in third story, should be removed and the opening closed up.

In the second story the present Marshal's room to be divided by a 6 inch terra cotta partition extending entirely across the room and from floor to ceiling as indicated, one half of said room (which adjoins the Clerk of the District Court rooms) to be given to Clerk of the District Court for files room. The remainder of said Marshal's room and the small toilet adjoining same to be given to the Postmaster, who would be brought from the first floor. The said rooms for the Postmaster to be connected by enlarging the present vault doorway to a doorway of the same size as adjoining doors (the vault and vault door being moved to the new Marshal's room in third story, as already stated). The small toilet room adjoining Postmaster's new room to have fixtures, wainscoting and floor tiling removed and plastered in lieu of wainscoting, provided with wood floor, etc., for the Postmaster's clerk.

In the first story the Postmaster's room to be fitted up for Stamp clerk and the Cashier; the two doors to the Postmaster's room from the lobby to be removed and archways constructed in lieu of same. A substantial screen, extending from floor to ceiling, to be placed where indicated, fitted with numerous stamp windows and a doorway, and the exterior windows provided with grilles for additional safety for Cashier's vaults. The wood flooring in said Postmaster's room outside of the new screen to be removed and replaced with tiling to correspond with remainder of the lobby floor tiling. This would vacate the present Stamp

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Clerk's quarters and would give said space to the Money Order clerks and provide three additional windows for the same, and it would also relieve the crowded condition of the lobby which now exists between the Post Office screen and the Postmaster's room near the Sixteenth Street entrance of the building.

The arrangement as indicated appears to be absolutely necessary in order to provide any additional space which would be at all suitable for the various officials in the building, as the Stamp Division, Money Order Division in the first story, and the Clerk of the District Court and Marshal's office in the second story have been asking for additional space for several years, and the additional space appears absolutely necessary.

The cost of the alterations would be approximately \$5,500.00, and I am satisfied that the money from the appropriation for "Repairs and Preservation of Public Buildings" could not be used in any other building to greater advantage than in the building here, nor where the additional accommodations are more urgent, and I therefore recommend that the matter be taken up as early as possible in order that a contract may be made and the work begun as soon as the said appropriation becomes available.

I return to you herewith the letters from the Postmaster General, Secretary of the Treasury, Acting Custodian, etc., which were forwarded to me by you on the 16th instant.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

February 28th,

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S. Faith & Company have delivered some material for the electric wire conduits, and piping for the plumbing and steam power plant, also four boilers, galvanized iron flues, etc., but have not yet commenced work.

James A. McGonigle has completed the excavating under his contract and additional excavating for gas generating room, oil tanks, etc., and is now receiving steel for ceilings, vault foundation, etc. and placing grounds to receive the joinery work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 3rd, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 26th ultimo forwarding shop drawings for marble work submitted in connection with the contract of S. Faith & Company for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint building, in this city, which drawings have also been received. I will at once carefully examine the drawings and return the same to you in accordance with instructions in your letter.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Kelley
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 5th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 27th ultimo, inclosing copy of letter of even date to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building, in this city, informing him of the approval of shop drawings Nos. 141 to 147, inclusive, for certain marble work to be supplied and placed under his contract, and informing me that one set of said drawings had been forwarded to me, which drawings have been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Libby
Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 4th, 1903.

Denver, Colo., March 5th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.F.) of the 28th ultimo, inclosing copy of letter of even date, addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building, in this city, announcing the approval of samples of terra cotta, brick and clip for furring for use under said contract, the said samples having also been received under separate cover.

Respectfully,

Ed. Dillberg

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
 SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
 U. S. Mint Building,
 Denver, Colo., March 4th, 1903.
 Denver, Colo., March 5th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I return to you, under separate cover, two sets of shop drawings for marble work in connection with contract of S. Faith & Co., for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, which drawings have been approved by me in accordance with instructions in your letter (initial E. A. C.) of the 26th ultimo, with the note, however, that the floor slab for shower bath, in toilet No. 2, should extend to the back of vertical slabs. This would avoid a vertical joint on the line of the inner face of vertical slabs. I have seen so much damage to plastering of ceilings beneath shower baths that I consider it wise to take every precaution to prevent the water from the shower bath getting through vertical joints of floor slabs, etc., and I make said suggestion accordingly.

I am very apprehensive of damage to ceilings where shower baths are placed above basements, and consider it necessary to take every precaution to make the floor in shower bath perfectly water-tight.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 7th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 3rd instant, inclosing copy of Department letter of even date, authorizing Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, to use the Warren Webster feed water heater, purifier, &c., in lieu of feed water heater manufactured by the National Pipe Bending Company, as shown by drawing No. H-97, a copy of which has also been received; the said change to be without additional cost to the Government, and subject to the requirements of the specification.

Respectfully,

Lee Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 7th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 3rd instant inclosing copy of letter of same date to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint building, in this city, informing him of the approval of sample of metal lath submitted, which sample has also been received and placed on file for my guidance in accepting the work.

Respectfully,

Chas. H. Hillyer
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 12th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 9th instant relative to additional file cases and office space for the Money Order Division in the Post Office and Court House building, in this city, with instructions that I again confer with the officials relative to fitting up a room in the basement and submit an estimate of cost of same in case it is absolutely necessary that the Money Order Division should have more room, and in reply I will state that the Custodian of the building is out of the city at present, but immediately upon his return I will confer with him and report to you as directed.

Respectfully,

Lee G. Kelley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 13th, 1903.

Messrs. S. Falth & Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I inclose to you herewith a copy of drawing No. 148, showing additional work required to ventilate the inspection pit under main storage vault in basement of the Mint building, in this city, and I have to request that you will submit to me at your earliest convenience a proposition to furnish and put in place wrought iron grille where indicated between columns Nos. 15 and 19, and also the new galvanized iron duct and ventilator where indicated near column No. 33, the new material to conform to similar work now under your contract of Mechanical Equipment for said building.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 13th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 10th instant, forwarding three copies of drawing No. 148, showing proposed method of ventilating the inspection pit below main storage vault in the Mint building, in this city, with instructions that I obtain a proposal from Messrs. S. Faith & Company for the additional work, as shown, and in reply will state that I have requested said proposal and will forward the same to you immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 13th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 10th instant relative to shop drawings for marble work of toilet rooms in connection with contract of Messrs. S. Faith & Company for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, and note your instructions to number the drawings now on file in this office in accordance with the schedule given in a copy of letter addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, which instructions will be followed and the drawings numbered accordingly.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

March 14th, 3.

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S. Faith & Company have delivered some material for the electric wire conduits, and piping for the plumbing and steam power plant, also four boilers, galvanized iron flues, etc., but have not yet begun work.

James A. McConigle has put in place considerable framing work of the false ceilings in the first story, and will now begin the concrete work for pit, etc., beneath storage vault in basement.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 16th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 10th instant, I requested Messrs. S. Faith & Company to submit a proposal stating the amount, in addition to their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint building, in this city, for which they would put in place the wrought iron grille, vent duct, etc., in the inspection pit beneath the basement vault of said building, as shown on drawing No. 148, and I forward to you herewith their proposal, in amount Fifty-two Dollars (\$52) which I consider excessive and cannot recommend its acceptance. I have endeavored, however, without success, to obtain from said company's representative here a modified proposal for said work.

Awaiting further instructions in the matter, I am

Respectfully,

Lee C. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., March 17, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 14th inst. inclosing copy of Office letter of even date, addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building, in this city, informing him of the acceptance of shop drawings Nos. 1 to 14, inclusive, for ceiling light, furring, framing, &c. of steel work under his contract, and I have also to acknowledge the receipt of two sets of said shop drawings which have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

John H. ...
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 17th, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 14th instant directing me to make examination as to the condition of the Post Office and Court House building, in this city, with reference to the necessity of repairs, painting, etc., and in reply will state that I will at once make the examination and report as directed.

Respectfully,

John B. ...
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 17th, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kempf,

Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I hereby request authority to make expenditure of Thirty Dollars (\$30.) for the use of telephone in the temporary office of the Superintendent of Construction at the Mint Building, in this city, for three months, beginning on the first proximo, to which date the said service has been paid as previously authorized by you.

Request is made at this time in order that I may be authorized to continue the use of the telephone in this office, but a voucher in payment for the telephone service will not be issued until the end of the coming calendar quarter, as a recent letter from you directs in all such cases.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 17th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In obedience to instructions in your letter (initial S.) of the 9th inst., relative to additional room to be provided for the Money Order Division in the Court House and Post Office building, in this city, I have conferred with the Custodian, Postmaster and other officials regarding the same and all agree as to the necessity for additional room (not only for filing papers, but a desk room) for said division, and I have prepared a sketch showing method of connecting the present Money Order room, in the first story, with the room in basement beneath same now occupied by the Railway Mail Clerks, the location of the stairs being nearer the center of the room than was originally intended in order to avoid numerous changes of piping in the ceiling in the basement and because of the heating chamber in the basement room, which plan will involve less expense, the total cost of which, as shown by the estimate herewith, will be approximately \$800.00, including the stairs of wood and finishing up the room in the basement for the occupancy of clerks. In this estimate I have made every effort to cheapen the expense of the change, providing that the basement room is

suitably finished.

The present Money Order room is indeed badly crowded, but the occupants of the room and the Postmaster consider a mezzanine floor, to cost approximately \$200.00, as stated in my letter of January 28th, last, to be preferable to the room fitted up in the basement as shown on the sketch herewith.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE BUILDING, DENVER, COLORADO.

Cost Of Fitting Up Basement Room As An Addition To Money Order Room
Of First Story, March 17, 1903.

ALTERATIONS ON FIRST FLOOR.

50 sq.ft. brick arches to be removed -----	\$ 25.
100 " " wood floor to be removed -----	10.
Removing iron floor beam now in place -----	10.
2 new 12" floor beam, 8'6" long, with cutting, framing, &c. --	60.
50 sq.ft. new brick arches, repairing, &c. at framing ----	25.
80 " " new wood floor -----	24.
New wood stairs, with balustrade, casing, &c. at stair well	125. \$ 279.

FITTING UP BASEMENT ROOM.

5 M common brick in archways -----	\$ 100.
40 yards new plastering and plastering repaired -----	20.
400 sq.ft. new flooring (including pockets at trenches) --	100.
80 lin.ft. new wood base skirting -----	20.
New wood trim at two windows -----	10.
120 sq.yds. plastering (walls and ceilings) to be scraped and painted, two coats -----	60.
Painting wood work and iron work -----	20.
Change heating pipes, recovering same and new radiators -	60.
Grilles to be furnished and secured at two windows ----	30.
Change of gas piping and supplying two fixtures -----	30. 450.

Contingent expenses, &c. 10%	\$ 729.
	73.
	\$ 802.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 19th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I forward to you herewith proposal, in amount Twenty-Six Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$26.50), from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, for the work of putting in place the vent flue, Japanned iron register and wrought iron grille in the pit below the basement vault in said building, as shown on drawing No. 148.

In your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 10th instant you directed that I obtain such a proposal from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, which proposal, in amount Fifty-Two Dollars (\$52.), was forwarded to you on the 16th instant and which I considered excessive, and as the work of placing the flue and grille is directly in connection with Mr. McGonigle's work, I have taken the liberty of obtaining from him the inclosed proposal which I consider reasonable and recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 19th, 1903.

Mr. C.E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in your letter (initial S.) of the 14th instant, directing me to make a careful examination of the Court House & Post Office building, in this city, in order to ascertain the necessity for any repairs, painting, etc., to place the building in satisfactory condition, and to prepare a specification and estimate for any work required, also to report as to the necessity of any repairs, etc., for the heating and hoisting system of the building. I have made the examination and have to report as follows:

In the basement of the building the two rooms occupied by the letter carriers should have the walls and ceilings white-washed, and the toilet room and stair hall leading from the same to the post office working room should have the walls, ceilings, all wood work and piping not nickel plated, cleaned and painted.

In the first story the walls and ceilings and wood work are quite dirty, which is largely due to unsatisfactory janitor service.

In the second and third stories the wood work and plaster

work are almost without exception in satisfactory condition, the janitors having kept the same clean, except in a few instances which the Custodian informs me they have not yet reached in their recent rounds of cleaning, but he assures me that the same will soon be put in order.

I found the heating and hoisting apparatus of the building in very good condition, only an occasional valve or fitting needing slight attention, and it is likely some slight repairs will be needed in the nature of grates and fire-brick lining for the furnaces at the end of the present season.

The Custodian informs me that the janitor now employed in the first story of the building is not capable of doing his work because of failing eyesight, and that he intends securing the appointment of a new and satisfactory janitor as soon as possible. He then assures me that the first story of the building will be put in good condition and kept so, notwithstanding its unsightly appearance at present.

I recommend that the Custodian be authorized to obtain proposals for the work of painting in the basement toilet room and stair hall from the same to the post office working room, giving two coats of paint to all the wood work, walls, ceiling and pipe, except where nickel plated, in said room and hall after first properly removing the dirt, etc., the work to be done with best linseed oil and lead paint, finished in approved tints; and also to give the two basement rooms occupied by the letter carriers a good coat of white wash on walls and ceilings to consist of best lime, slaked in salt water, to which must be added one part of hydraulic cement to each part of lime used.

As the Custodian can obtain said bids by issuing a circular /

Central Building,
Denver, Colorado, March 20th, 1903.

letter inviting the same, I have not prepared a formal specification for the work. The probable cost of the painting and the white washing complete, as mentioned, will be Sixty-five Dollars (\$65.).

The matter of repairs, etc., needed for the heating apparatus will be brought to the attention of the Office by the Custodian at a later date.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colorado, March 20th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 16th instant, inclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to The Diebold Safe and Lock Company, contractors for the Burglar Proof Vaults, Mint Building, in this city, informing them of the approval of shop drawings Nos. 78 to 97, inclusive, and I have also to acknowledge the receipt of one set of said shop drawings which will be placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 20th, 1903.

To Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Modified proposal for ventilating basement vault pit, per drawing hundred forty-eight, mailed to-day. Proposal mailed sixteenth excessive.

Official Business,
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TELEGRAM.

Superintendent

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 21st, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

It is intended that work under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, will be in progress by the middle of April, next, and that the work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.), will also be proceeding with a full force of workmen, plentiful supply of material, etc., at that time, so that I consider it necessary that I have assistance in inspecting and superintending the said work, and therefore have to recommend that an inspector for the mechanical equipment of this building be assigned to duty here early in the coming month in the interest of the Government.

Respectfully,

Law S. Kelley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 23rd, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of Department letter (initial S.) of the 18th instant directing me to visit the Post Office building, Pueblo, Colorado, in connection with work being done by The Piper Brothers Company at said building, and referring to the same will say that I have received one letter from the Custodian of said building and he promises further information relative to the necessity of an early visit there, and I will be governed by information given me in his letters as to the time of my first visit directed in Department letter.

Respectfully,

Lowell
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 23rd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I forward to you, under separate cover, a package containing one quart of Colorado Portland Cement from the first supply received for use under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint building, in this city, the sample being sent for test in accordance with instructions in Office letters of November 29th and December 6th, 1902, and I will state that I have made a test of said cement as to fineness and find it meets that requirement of the specification.

Respectfully,

Lawrence
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 24th, 1903.

Messrs. S. Smith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your contract of Mechanical Equipment of the Mint building, in this city, I have to call your attention to the fact that the specification for said work and Department letter of August 9, 1902, accepting your proposal for the same, require that you submit a number of samples of material, as enumerated therein, and drawings in detail for various parts of the work, and that as yet but one sample, namely, a floor box, has been received at this office and it appears that several sets of detail drawings are yet to be furnished. I therefore have to urge you to submit the remaining samples and drawings as early as possible in order to avoid delay in the work as the material and work for which the samples and drawings are to be submitted must not be put in place until after approval as called for by the specification and the Department's letter of acceptance mentioned.

Respectfully,

Lee H. Bailey

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 24th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J. K. T.) of the 21st instant relative to a package marked "Raw Linseed Oil" forwarded by me to your Office, which was evidently a sample of the material delivered at the site by Mr. James A. McGonigle for use under his contract of completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) Mint Building, in this city, and in accordance with your instruction, I have informed the contractor that the linseed oil is not satisfactory and have directed him to remove said material at once and deliver and use a new supply similar to that represented by the approved sample, and upon the receipt of the new material I will forward to you a new sample for identification as directed.

When forwarding samples hereafter I will accompany the same with a letter as directed, and not depend upon labeling of samples as was done in the previous case.

Respectfully,

Lee E. Gentry
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 26th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I forward to you, by today's mail, under separate cover, a package containing a sample of raw linseed oil taken from the material delivered for use under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.,) Mint Building, in this city, said sample being forwarded for your inspection to ascertain whether the material corresponds with the approved sample.

Respectfully,

Lucas E. ...
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 26th, 1903.

Mr. R. C. ...

Messrs. E. Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to state the amount, in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, for which you will test the two 5" cast iron down pipes now in place in the south wall of said building; also, state a separate amount for which you will make a test of the remaining six down pipes now in place in the building. The tests to be made by filling the said down pipes with water from the basement floor line to the roof gutter in each case to permit a careful inspection to locate any and all leaks in said pipes in order that the amount necessary to repair the same can be ascertained.

Respectfully,

L. E. ...
Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building;

Denver, Colo., March 27th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 24th instant, directing that all special reports in regard to repairs shall be in duplicate, said letter having reference to my report of the 19th instant relative to repairs, painting, etc., at the Court House and Post Office building, in this city, and in reply will state that said reports will hereafter be made in duplicate as requested.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Cullum

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 27th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 24th instant directing me to obtain from the contractor for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, a proposal stating the amount, in addition to his contract, for which he will substitute hard Alberens stone tiling 20"x 20" x 1 1/4", laid with acid proof joints, in lieu of marble tiling called for under his contract, for the assayer's furnace and acid laboratories, and in reply will state that I will obtain from the contractor such a proposal as early as possible and forward the same to you with my definite recommendation.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. H. H.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 27th, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

Sir:-

I have to request that you will forward to me at your earliest convenience a proposal stating the amount, in addition to your contract for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) Mint building, in this city, for which you will substitute hard Alberene stone tiling 30" x 20" x 1 1/4", laid with acid proof joints, in lieu of marble tiling called for under your contract, for the Assayer's Furnace and acid laboratories.

I will thank you to accompany your proposal with a sample of said stone 6" x 6" x 1 1/4" thick and to state in your proposal the material you will use in jointing the same to render it acid proof.

Respectfully,

John H. Blum
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 28th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 26th instant inclosing copy of letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McDonigh, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vault, Plumbing, etc.) Mint Building, in this city, approving shop drawings Nos. 174 to 179 and 184 to 188, both inclusive, for ornamental iron work under his contract, and I have also to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of each of said drawings which have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

John E. Kelly
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 26th, 1908.

Mr. J.E. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial P.) of the 25th instant relative to additional space for files, etc., in the Money Order Division of the Post Office building, in this city, with instructions to prepare a specification for machine floor in the money order room and have the same to the Custodian of the building in order that proposals may be obtained for the work, and in reply will state that I will proceed at once to prepare said specification in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Culligan
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 30, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 26th instant inclosing copy of Department letter of same date accepting proposal of Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) Mint building, in this city, in amount \$26.50, for putting in place vent flue, register and grille beneath the storage vault in basement as indicated on drawing No. 148, and vouchers in payment for the same will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

W. B. H. H. H.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 30th, 1903.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 28th instant directing me to reject the proposal of S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, to put in place the vent flue, register, etc., beneath storage vault in basement of said building in accordance with drawing No. 148, and I have rejected said proposal as directed.

Respectfully,

Le. Ellery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 30th, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado,

Gentlemen:-

I am directed by letter of the 26th instant from the Supervising Architect to reject your proposal, dated the 16th instant, for furnishing and putting in place the vent flue, register and grille in the basement beneath storage vault of the Mint Building, in this city, in accordance with drawing No. 148, and as you have no further use for said drawing, I will be pleased to have you return the same to me.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 30th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 27th instant inclosing tracing showing modification of full size detail drawing No. 155 for the marble cornice under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract of Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) Mint Building, in this city, with instructions to make the correction on full size drawing No. 155 in my possession and deliver the tracing to the contractor, and in reply I have to inform you that said correction has been made and said tracing delivered to Mr. McGonigle as directed.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 30th, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith autracing showing a correction in full size drawing No. 135 for the marble cornice under your contract of Completion, &c., Mint Building, in this city, the said work to be in accordance with the inclosed sketch where the same is a correction of said full size drawing.

Respectfully,

Lee A. Allen
Superintendent.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 31st, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I inclose herewith a proposal, in amount \$138.00, from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, for making test of all the down pipes (eight in number) from roof gutters in the said building, as requested in my letter of March 25th, a copy of which is herewith inclosed, the proposal being in one amount, as it was considered economical and necessary to test all the down pipes at one time. As the work is considered necessary and urgent, and as considerable piping and other work is necessary and difficulties must be overcome, where the pipes have burst, in order to make the test, I consider the proposal reasonable and recommend its acceptance.

I requested the contractors to submit said proposal as it was recently found after a heavy snow, freezing and thawing, that two of the down pipes (on the south side of the building) leaked very badly, wetting the brickwork for a considerable distance outside the line of the pipe chase, and two others (on east end) appear to be in bad condition; and, as the contractor for the interior finish will soon be covering the pipe chase for plastering, it became neces-

sary to obtain the proposal for repairs to the down pipes as early as possible in order that any defects may be remedied before the building is plastered, hence my haste in securing the proposal for making the test which is necessary in order to ascertain the extent of the leaks and obtain bids for remedying the same.

The down pipes were tested in the fall of 1901 and were found water-tight at the time of their completion under Mr. J.A. McIntyre's contract for the building, but owing to the fact that the building has been without heat during the past two winters, the pipes have evidently been partially or entirely filled with melting snow and ice which has caused the damage to the piping, and if the same is remedied at this time it will likely not occur again as it is believed the heating apparatus will be installed during the coming summer or fall.

As it is advisable to obtain a proposal for remedying the defective pipes as early as possible, in order that the same may be repaired to prevent delay in the plaster work, I have to request early action in regard to this proposal and that I be informed by wire as to the Department's decision with full instructions in the matter.

Respectfully,

Law Bellamy

Superintendent.

Office
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building.

Denver, Colo., March 31st, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 26th instant inclosing copy of Department letter of same date, addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, accepting their proposal to make substitution in circuit breakers and instruments in the work under their contract, without additional cost to the Government, which letters have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Chas. C. Kelley

Superintendent.

Mont Building, Denver, Colorado.

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S. Faith & Company have delivered considerable material for the electric wiring, piping for the plumbing and heating, four boilers, galvanized iron flues, etc., and have now begun work.

James A. McGonigle has practically completed the false ceilings in the first and second story office rooms and the corridor in first story, and is now placing the vault linings.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., March 31st, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I have to request that you will state an amount, in addition to your contract for Completion, &c. Mint Building, in this city, for which you will furr the bottoms of rafters and girders from the present required line of furred down ceilings to the exterior walls in the Strip Annealing room, Storage for Refinery room, Blacksmith Shop, Storage Battery room, Storage for Assayer & Distilling Apparatus, Electricians Repair & Store room, Sewing, Working and Supply Storage room and in Stationary Storage room, the furring to consist of 1" x 1" laths, spaced 15" on centers, secured to the soffits of the rafters and girders with approved steel clips and covered with expanded metal lath as elsewhere to receive the plastering, instead of plastering on the soffits of the book-tile.

Respectfully,

Lee Helling
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 1st, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

The sample of Platte Canon granite on file in my office, approved as my guide in accepting the granite for the basement, etc. of the Mint Building, in this city, under Mr. J. A. McIntyre's contract and which is similar to the stone work of said basement walls, steps, etc., is labeled as follows:

"J. A. McIntyre, Denver Mint, Colorado.
5/13/98.

O. K. as to color, E. A. C., 5/23/98.
J. C. P., 5/23/98."

The specification for the work under your contract of Completion, etc., of the Mint Building, in this city, requires that granite for the walls, etc., shall correspond in every respect with that now in place. This, however, does not absolutely limit you to any one quarry from which you are to obtain the granite.

Respectfully,

Lee. Ellery

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 1st, 1903.

Buffalo Forge Company,

Buffalo, New York.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo making inquiry relative to advertisements for mechanical draft which you state was recently arranged for in connection with the Mint Building in this city, and in reply will state that no new contracts have been made or work advertised in connection with this building within the past six months. Any inquiry concerning machinery, etc., for this building should be made to the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C., and inquiries regarding advertisements should be addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 2nd, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I have to request that you will furnish me with a proposal stating the amount, in addition to your contract for the Completion, etc., Mint Building, in this city, for which you will supply and put in place two registers in the ceiling of the Furnace Laboratory and one in the furred ceiling of the Acid Laboratory in the second story of said building, the registers to be 24" x 24" blacked Japanned iron, similar to those required under your contract for other portions of the building. This will require the framing of openings in the furred ceiling to receive the galvanized iron register boxes which will be put in place under another contract, the framing to consist of 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" steel angles substantially secured together and in place, and the registers to be secured to 2" x 6" copper clips four to each register box, substantially riveted in place.

Respectfully,

L. C. ...
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 2nd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I inclose herewith a proposal, in amount \$279.00, from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) Mint Building, in this city, for supplying and putting in place furring and metal lath in rooms in the attic of said building to receive the plaster, in lieu of plastering on the soffits of book-tile, as indicated by drawing No. 129 forming part of his contract.

The book-tile shows so much alkali efflorescence on the soffits that I consider it unsafe to plaster on the same and have therefore requested Mr. McGonigle to submit the proposal as indicated by the inclosed copy of my letter of the 31st ultimo. I consider the proposal for the work very reasonable and recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Lee Vallery

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 2nd, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 30th
March, informing me of the appointment of Mr. Edward W. Roberts as
Draftsman at the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge, with
compensation at \$900.00 per annum, to commence on said date and
authorizing me to certify and issue vouchers for his services in
accordance therewith, which instructions will be followed.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Kelly
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 2nd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions in your endorsement of December 29th, 1902, on letter of December 15th, 1902, addressed to the Director of the Mint by Mr. F. E. Healy, Engineer in Charge, Denver Mint Equipment, I requested Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) Mint Building, in this city, to submit a proposal as indicated by the inclosed copy of my letter of January 2nd, last, for supplying and putting in place magnabestos blocks in the floor of the Coining room of said building, and in reply have received the two enclosed proposals, of this date, as follows: One, in amount \$1,194.00, to put the blocks in place in that portion of the Coining room floor which is directly over the boiler room of the basement, and one, in amount \$1,720.00, for putting the blocks in place throughout the entire floor of the Coining room. As it would appear that the proposal for the blocks in the portion of the floor covering the Boiler room would answer the purpose desired and is more economical than to cover the entire floor, both proposals being considered reasonable, I recommend the acceptance of the first named proposal.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. H. H.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 2nd, 1903.

Mr. A. Wild,

Care of the Buckhorn Wall Plaster Company,
Leveland, Colorado.

Dear Sir:-

The contractor, Mr. James A. McGonigle, desires very much to see you in connection with your proposition to supply Buckhorn wall plaster for use in the Mint building, and I will thank you to call at my office at your earliest convenience or name some representative who will be authorized to speak for you in the matter.

Hoping to hear from you or to see you at the earliest possible date, I am

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 3rd, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 31st ultimo, amending Office letter of the 30th ultimo by conveying the information that Mr. Edward W. Roberts, detailed as Draftsman at the Mint Building, in this city, took the oath of office on the 31st ultimo, on which date his compensation will commence.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 6th, 1913.

Mr. J. M. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions in Department letter (initial S.) of the 16th ultimo, and as requested by the Custodian of the Post Office building at Pueblo, Colorado, in his letter of the 3rd instant, I went to Pueblo on the afternoon of the 3rd instant and on the 4th inspected the material furnished and work performed by The Piper Brothers Company at the said Post Office building and conferred with the Custodian and his assistants as to inspection of work and material to be supplied under said contract and gave instructions concerning the same.

I found that area walls had been removed and ready for rebuilding the same. The floor in lookout-room in basement and the surface paving of the driveway had been taken up ready for remedying defects in the same and relaying satisfactory work. The weather had been bad, but prospects were favorable for immediate work. The material furnished was generally satisfactory, and I believe that workmanship, etc., will be satisfactory under The Piper Brothers who are reliable contractors and that the work will be completed within the time limit of their contract.

Respectfully

Lee C. Barry
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 7th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In the matter of galvanized iron flue linings and registers under Mr. James A. McMorrigle's contract of completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) Mint Building, in this city, I have to make inquiry concerning the vent flue from the basement toilet room, near column No. 4 and shown on drawing No. 101, first floor plan, where it is marked "flue".

The said flue is not indicated on drawing No. 100 (being basement floor plan), yet it appears from drawing P. 78 (in Mechanical Equipment drawings) that said flue will have bottom 6" from basement floor in that case, and it would seem that the terra cotta wall between columns Nos. 4 and 5 of basement, should be double and composed of 4" terra cotta blocks instead of 6", as indicated, in order that the said galvanized iron flue lining from near floor to ceiling line should be properly protected, and I have to ask whether it is not desirable that I obtain from the contractor a proposition stating the amount, in addition to his contract, for which he will construct a double partition in lieu of the 6", the vent flue lining, from basement toilet and the

hot air flue leading to Superintendent's room in the first story, to be constructed in said partition.

Mr. C. I have also to ask at what distance from the floor or ceiling in the basement the register openings and registers will be placed in the Locker room and Gas Generating plant for basement vent flues marked "New", on drawing No. 101 and indicated on said plan near columns Nos. 12 and 15. The registers, I presume, are to be 16" x 18" in said basement rooms, but the same are not marked or noted on basement plan, drawing No. 100.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 7th, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have to request that you will send me 16 blank pay roll vouchers for contingent force, under Superintendent of Construction, for use in connection with the Mint Building, in this city.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Kelly
Superintendent:

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 19th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Mr. C. E. [unclear] Supervising Architect,

Chief Engineer, Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J. K. P.) of the 7th instant, inclosing copy of Department letter of even date, addressed to Messrs. C. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, accepting their proposal, in amount \$123.00, for testing eight down spouts in said building, vouchers for which work will be certified and issued in accordance with instructions in said letter.

Respectfully,

John H. [unclear]
Superintendent.

Enclosed for the Vermont Marble Company's
to you herewith.

Respectfully,

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 11th, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th instant inclosing letter of the 2nd instant from the Vermont Marble Company relative to differences between working drawings and full size details for the marble work to be put in place under your contract of Completion, &c., Mint Building, in this city, and referring to the same will say that you might refer the Marble Company's letter, together with the tracing sent you (as mentioned in said letter) to the Supervising Architect for his decision in the matter, although it is doubtful whether any change will be made in the full size details as it is customary to show the work more fully in the details than in the working drawings, and necessarily so. Furthermore, paragraph 6, page 4, of the specification for work under your contract, states that "the general character of detail work is shown on the working drawings, but minor modifications may be made on full size detail drawings", and unless the modifications are of great consequence, the Department will likely insist upon the work being done according to the full size details.

As you will probably have use for the Vermont Marble Company's letter above referred to, I return the same to you herewith.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
 Superintendent of Construction,
 U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 11th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I forward to you herewith a proposal from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building, in this city, relative to the batter of retaining wall at rear lot line, calling attention to the fact that it will be impossible to construct the wall with the batter as noted on drawing No. 122 throughout the entire height of the wall, as said method would make the wall about 4 inches less in thickness beneath the coping at the east end than would be the thickness at the coping at the west end of the wall. He suggests the batter should extend to the joint directly beneath the coping near the west end of the wall, and above that level throughout the entire length of the wall, both faces to be plumb. As this will make the batter extend practically to the alley level where needed, it would seem to answer the desired purpose of strengthening the wall against the thrust of the earth filling of the alley. I have had prepared sections showing the construction of the wall for the purpose of making the suggestion clear, and I forward a copy of blue print of said sketch herewith. As I consider the suggestion a good one and the only way the entire face of the wall could be made straight, from end to end with the

coping, projecting as indicated on the drawing, and the wall at each end set at center of the stone post, I recommend the acceptance of the contractor's proposal to perform the work as suggested, without additional expense to the Government.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

As this will make

it, indeed, more needed, it would

purpose of strengthening the wall against the

falling of the pier. I have had prepared sections

of the wall for the purpose of illustrating the sug-

gestions and copy of this print or said sketch here

sent, showing the only way the

can be made straight from end to end with the

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 11th, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I will thank you to submit to me a proposal stating the amount, in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, for which you will repair the down pipes now in place and the copper gutter lining at said building, using additional pipe where necessary to substitute for that broken, raise the pipe where necessary and do all necessary refilling and caulking of the joints, including the connection to the roof gutter where necessary, and resolder all defective joints in the present copper gutter lining, so as to make the gutters and down pipes water-tight and stand a test made by you by filling the pipes and gutter with water and allowed to stand three hours.

Respectfully,

Geo. C. C. C.
Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 13th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial
J.K.P.) of the 9th instant, inclosing copy of Office letter of even
date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion
(except certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building, in this
city, informing him of the approval of Platte Canon granite for use
under said contract as represented by sample submitted by J.A. McIn-
tire for use under his contract and now on file in this office.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

C. W. H. H. H. H. H.

Director
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 13th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J. K. P.) of the 9th instant, inclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, relative to the approval of enameled brick for use under his contract, a sample of which brick has also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 13th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J. K. P.) of the 9th instant, inclosing copy of Office letter of even date, addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, &c.) Mint Building, in this city, informing him of the approval of sample of marble submitted by him for use under said contract, which sample has also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 14th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I forward to you herewith a proposal, in amount Two Hundred and Twenty-four Dollars (\$224.), from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, for repairing the present cast iron down pipes and roof gutter of said building, making the same water-tight, which bid was received in response to my letter of the 11th instant, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

There are three stacks of down pipes that have settled somewhat; some lengths of the pipes have burst from freezing; many joints have sprung, including some at the connection to the roof gutter, and the roof gutter leaks in many places where the joints have opened, due to expansion of the copper gutter lining. The defects in the pipe and gutter were ascertained by the test made by Messrs. S. Faith & Company, as authorized by Department letter of the 7th instant.

As the defects in the pipe are quite serious, requiring immediate remedying, and as the proposal is reasonable, considering the amount of work necessary to repair the down pipes and roof gutter and make the same water-tight to stand the test stated in my letter, I recommend that the proposal be accepted.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 14th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 11th instant informing me that Mr. N.S. Thompson has been detailed to this building to take charge of the supervision and inspection of the work of Mechanical Equipment of Mint Building, in this city, of which Messrs. S. Faith & Company, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, are the contractors, and that he will arrive here on or about the 15th instant, and referring to the same I will say that as the instructions are that Mr. Thompson is detailed and no authority is given me to certify and issue vouchers for his salary, I presume his name is not to be placed on the pay roll of contingent force of this building.

Respectfully,

Lee S. Sibley
Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado,

April 15th,

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Completed

Not begun

Not begun

5% completed

None

Not begun

Not begun

Not begun

Not begun

Not begun

Not begun

Fire-proof vaults,
completed

Not begun

Not begun

10% completed

5% completed

Not begun

Not begun

Not begun

No notification has been received from Supervising Architect of the approval of samples of sandstone for curbing; stone slabs for second floor paving; Belgian blocks for paving; galvanized iron or copper; terrazzo; glazed tile; mosaic floor borders; hard wood; hardware; glass; wrought iron grilles; bronze pieces; painted strips, under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for completion except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc., and no samples have been received, except cast iron floor box for work under S. Keith & Company, contractors for Mechanical Equipment. No working drawings have been received showing layout of boilers, etc., under the latter contract.

The character of work being done by each contractor at the present time is satisfactory, but additional workmen could be employed by Mr. McGonigle, who has promised to increase the working force at once.

Mechanics and laborers employed: 6 ironworkers, 1 painter, 1 bricklayer, 12 laborers, 1 plumber and two helpers, 1 steam fitter and 1 engineer.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 16th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 24th ultimo, requesting us to obtain from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) Mint building, in this city, a proposal for substituting Alberene stone tiling in lieu of marble called for under his contract for the Assayer's Laboratory rooms in said building, I have to report that the contractor has made considerable inquiry relative to said stone and is unable to obtain a proposal owing to the fact that the stone is unknown, and I have to request information from you as to where and from whom said stone can be obtained.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

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OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 16th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 13th instant, instant enclosing copy of Office letter of same date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) Mint Building, in this city, approving shop drawing for stonework under his contract, numbering the same 187, a copy of which drawing has also been received.

Referring to the corrections on said drawing, relative to the width of the coping for the walls along South 13th and Evans Streets and Colfax Avenue, which was noted on the drawing 2'01/2", I have to state that said dimension corresponds with the width of said coping indicated on drawing No. 121 for work under Mr. McGonigle's contract, as the width of said coping according to said drawing is 2'01/2" and the width of coping on the retaining wall on south side of the building is 2'2", which corresponds with the figures given on said working drawing.

Respectfully,

W. H. H. H.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 17th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J. K. P.) of the 14th instant, inclosing copy of Department letter of even date, addressed to Mr. James A. McConigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) Mint Building, in this city, accepting his proposal, in amount \$1,194.00, to lay magnabestos blocks in that portion of the Coining Room floor that is over the Boiler Room, and authorizing me to certify and issue vouchers on account of said work, which instructions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Lawrence C. ...
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 17th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J. C. P.) of the 14th instant directing me to obtain from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) Mint Building, in this city, a proposal to construct a double partition in the basement of said building, between columns Nos. 4 and 5, for the introduction of certain vent flues, which proposal will be obtained from the contractor as early as possible and forwarded to you with my definite recommendation in the matter.

I have also noted your instructions in said letter that register openings in Locker Room and Gas Generating Room in basement are to be placed twelve inches above floor and the registers are to be 16" x 28".

Respectfully,

Lee C. Cullum
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 17th, 1905.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish me a proposal stating the amount, in addition to your contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) Mint Building, in this city, for which you will put in place a double 4 inch terra cotta partition (with concrete foundation) in the basement between columns Nos. 4 and 5, similar to the double 4 inch terra cotta partitions and foundations for the same elsewhere in the building, to receive the galvanized iron flue linings. The said double 4 inch terra cotta partition to be built in lieu of the 6 inch partition now required to be built under your contract.

Respectfully,

John S. ...
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 17th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 14th instant, inclosing copy of Department letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) Mint Building, in this city, accepting his proposal, in amount \$279.00, for placing steel furring and expanded metal lathing beneath rafters to receive the plastering in the attic rooms in lieu of plastering directly on soffits of book tile, and replying to the same will state that vouchers will be issued in payment for said work in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 17th, 1903.

Mr. Ed. Smith,

Contractor, U.S. Public Building,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Sir:-

As you requested when here, I have looked up the names and addresses of parties having for sale the toggle belts, etc., for securing joinery work grounds in brick and terra cotta work and find that the lead sleeves are sold by The Standard Manufacturing Company, Springfield, Massachusetts, and the toggle bolts, for securing to the terra cotta are sold by The Hodge & Ihmer Company, 47 and 49 West Randolph St., Chicago, Illinois.

Hoping the information will be of use to you and with best wishes, I am

Respectfully yours,

James B. Hodge
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 17th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to drawing No. 124, forming part of the drawings for Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) Mint Building, in this city, and to marginal details of iron work on said drawing, it is noted that the first and second floor framing is to be altered by cutting and framing for placing one additional flue through first floor and two additional flues through the second floor near column No. 8, whereas, the first and second floor plans, Nos. 101 and 102, and the section D-D on drawing No. 109, indicates by dotted lines that the flues do not pass through the first and second floors near column No. 8, as indicated on drawing No. 124.

As it would appear unnecessary to alter the floor construction for the present arrangement, I have to ask whether I shall permit the contractor to proceed with his work without making said alterations of floor framing, or require him to make the alterations as indicated for a possible future use.

Respectfully,

John P. Kelly
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 20th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 17th instant inclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) Mint Building, in this city, to make certain modification of the batter on the face of rear retaining wall at this building, without additional expense to the Government.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., April 21st, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial
P.B.W.) of the 17th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even
date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechan-
ical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, approving sample of
White Vermont marble to be used in the plumbing work under said con-
tract, which sample has also been received and placed on file for re-
guidance during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Allen

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 21st, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F. B. W.) of the 18th instant, enclosing a tracing of drawing No. 158-B in connection with the marble cornice in the corridor to be put in place under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, which tracing has been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

The copy of certain correspondence referred to in your letter as being enclosed for my information and file, was not found therein.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 21st, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 18th instant, informing me that the name of Mr. H.S. Thompson, Inspector of Mechanical Equipment at the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge, is not to be placed on the pay roll of the contingent force at this building.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Allen
Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 21st, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I forward herewith a proposal from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, making a deduction of \$100.00 from the amount to be paid them under their contract, if permitted to use the asphalted cast iron pipe in lieu of the uncoated pipe as specified. The use of the asphalted pipe was refused by Office letter of November 14th, last, and the matter is taken up again with the advice and recommendation of Mr. H. S. Thompson, Inspector of Heating, Hoisting and Ventilating Apparatus, whose letter of this date is also enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Kelley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 21st, 1903.

To the Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I recommend the acceptance of the proposal of S. Faith & Co., in amount \$100.00, as the sum to be deducted from their contract price for the Mechanical Equipment of this building (except engines and generators) for using coated extra heavy cast iron pipe in lieu of uncoated extra heavy cast iron pipe required by paragraph No. 66 of the specification governing the work.

In view of the fact that all of this pipe is to be placed underground, the coating will be an advantage and serve to preserve the pipe.

I find that it is impossible to burn off the coating as suggested by Office letter under date of November 14, 1902.

I am confident that careful surface inspection of the coated pipe, supplemented by the hydrostatic tests, will reveal any defects which may be present.

Respectfully,

C. S. Thompson
Inspector, Heating, Hoisting & Ventilating
Apparatus.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 22nd, 1903.

Mr. J. H. Mitchell,

Custodian, U. S. Post Office Building,

Pueblo, Colorado.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st instant making inquiry relative to connecting the bell traps in the west window areas of the building under your charge, and in regard to the same will state that I was of the impression that considerable dampness came into the fan room, etc., of the basement, through the walls below the area floors and on account of which I considered it advisable to take up the bell traps and re-connect the same with lead and calked joints, using brass sleeves if necessary, and I so advised the janitor, but if there is no damage to the walls chargeable to leakage from the drain pipes, it would likely be better not to disturb the area floors, and I would advise you to be governed by the condition of the basement wall below the areas as can be ascertained by examination on the interior and do as you think best as to requiring the traps to be jointed tight. I prefer in all cases that the traps shall be connected to the drain pipes with water-tight joints, in which case all waste water from the areas will be carried off instead of allowing to escape under the area floor and wet and damage the basement wall.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 22nd, 1903.

To the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions, dated April 11th (initial E.A.C.),
I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment
(except Engines and Generators) for this building, embraced in a con-
tract with S. Faith & Company, has been installed in accordance with the
terms of the agreement.

About 7 1/2% of the plumbing has been installed and about
2% of the heating and ventilating apparatus has been installed. No
other portions of the Mechanical Equipment have been installed.

Respectfully,

John V. Thompson
Inspector, Heating, Hoisting
and Ventilating Apparatus.

Submitted through the Superintendent of Construction.

Lee Sully
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., April 22nd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

The contractor in preparing and erecting the furring for the plastered arch over passageway from entrance vestibule to corridor in the Mint Building, in this city, is unable to determine the depth of the arch and the panelling of the same, and I will thank you to forward to me a sketch showing a section of the arch, indicating the furring of the same, also the depth of the arch and width of the marble work, cornice, etc., beneath the same.

It appears to be practically the same as the section indicated on drawing No. 112 for the arch in east side of the entrance vestibule, but we are in doubt as to the depth, etc., and it appears that the panels will be without moulding on the soffit and vestibule and corridor faces, whereas the arch corresponding to the same on the opposite side of the corridor will have egg and dart mould, etc., as indicated on drawing #113, and the soffits above pilasters along the corridor will have panels decorated, all of which, apparently, differ from the finish of the arch in question.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 23rd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J. K. P.) of the 20th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter, of even date, addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, in reference to the rejection of a sample of terrazzo submitted for use under his contract, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Law C. Kelly
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 24th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F. B. W.) of the 21st instant in reference to the construction of certain flues, &c., near column No. 8, under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.,) of the Mint Building, in this city, and informing me that drawing No. 124 is incorrect and that the flues must be installed as shown on drawings numbered 101, 102 and 109, and in reply I have to state that the work will be performed accordingly.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Kelly

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 24th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to construction of flue from Deposit Melting Room in basement of the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge, I have to call your attention to drawing No. 125, included in the set for Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of said building, showing a space between top of the brickwork and the under-side of ceiling which is left open apparently for ventilation and no registers are indicated on said drawing, whereas, drawing No. H-81, for the Mechanical Equipment, indicates terra cotta work and two registers to be placed at the top near basement ceiling line in said Deposit Melting Room, and I have to inquire whether the registers are required or will it be satisfactory to leave the space open as indicated on drawing No. 125. If registers, etc., are necessary, shall I obtain from Mr. McGonigle a proposal for placing the terra cotta work and the registers which are not indicated on the plans or called for by the specification for his work?

Respectfully,

La C. C. C.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 24th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I forward herewith a letter of the 23rd instant from Messrs. S. Faith & Company relative to the delay of work under their contract of Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, and with reference to the statements therein, will say that delay in their work has been due to the condition of the building and I have repeatedly urged Mr. McGonigle's foreman to increase the number of workmen, etc., but with only partial success. I am confident, however, that he will soon put on a sufficiently large force of workmen to permit satisfactory progress of the work under his contract as well as that under contract with Messrs. S. Faith & Company.

Respectfully,

Lee Ullery

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 26th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 21st instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McDonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, approving shop drawings Nos. 188 to 196, inclusive, for certain ornamental iron work to be supplied and put in place under his contract, two sets of which drawings have also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

By contract:

Lee V. Allen

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 25th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 22nd instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date, addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, and accepting their proposal, in amount \$224.00, for putting in good condition the roof gutter and down pipes of said building, vouchers for which work will be issued upon its satisfactory completion in accordance with the authority granted in said letter.

Respectfully,

W. H. Kelley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 27th, 1903.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F. B.W.) of the 24th instant, enclosing copy of the correspondence referred to in Office letter of the 18th instant in regard to drawing No. 155-B for the marble cornice in the corridor under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge.

Respectfully,

Lee H. Ball
Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 27th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 22nd instant informing me that Alberene stone can likely be obtained from the Alberene Stone Company of New York City, which information has this day been conveyed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building, in this city.

Respectfully,

John C. P.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 27th, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Leavenworth, Kansas.

Sir:-

In the matter of furnishing proposal for the substitution of Alberene stone, in lieu of marble, as requested in my letter of March 27th, last, I have to inform you that the Alberene stone can likely be obtained from the Alberene Stone Company of New York City.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Kelley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 30th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I forward to you this day, under separate cover, a package containing one quart of Colorado Portland cement from the second supply furnished for use under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) Mint Building, in this city, the sample being sent for test in accordance with the instructions in Office letter of December 6th, 1902.

A test has been made as to the fineness of said cement and it has been found satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Lee E. Kelly

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

April 30th,

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Not begun

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Not begun

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Fire-proof vaults
Completed

Not begun

5% completed

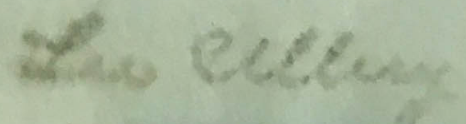
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The character of the work being done by S. Faith & Company and James A. McGonigle is satisfactory in quality, but somewhat slow. It is promised, however, that the number of workmen and supply of material will be increased in each case. Work has been begun on the artesian well.

Mechanics and laborers employed: 9 ironworkers, 1 painter, 1 bricklayer, 20 laborers, 1 plumber and two helpers, 1 steam fitter and 1 engineer.

Respectfully,



Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., April 30th, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th (initial E.A.C.),
I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment
(except engines and generators) embraced in a contract with S. Faith &
Co., has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The work of placing the heating apparatus has been practical-
ly suspended awaiting advice from the contractors' home office in re-
gard to the pipe hangers.

The work of installing the plumbing is progressing slowly
and the percentage of work installed is practically the same as noted
in my last weekly report.

No other portions of the mechanical equipment have been in-
stalled.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting
and Ventilating Apparatus.

Submitted through the
Superintendent of Construction.

Lee H. Hilly

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 1st, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F. B. W.) of the 28th ultimo informing me that the two vent registers in the ceiling of the Deposit Melting Room, shown on drawing H-81, are included in the contract of Messrs. S. Faith & Company for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 2nd 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 29th ultimo, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building, in this city, in reference to certain work to be supplied under said contract, which letter has been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lawrence
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 2nd, 1903.

Mr. I. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial P.B.W.) of the 28th ultimo, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date, addressed to Messrs. S. Keith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, informing them of the approval of sample of electro-galvanized conduit submitted for use under their contract, said sample having also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. H. H.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 4th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 1st instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date, addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building, in this city, informing him of the rejection of sample of California white pine submitted for use under said contract, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Allen

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 4th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 1st instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, accepting their proposal to deduct the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.) from the amount to be paid them under their contract if permitted to substitute asphalted cast iron pipe in lieu of uncoated pipe, as called for by the specification governing said work.

Respectfully,

Geo. W. Allen

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 5th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F. B.W.) of the 30th ultimo in regard to the furring of the plastered arch over the entrance vestibule to corridor under contract with Mr. James A. McGonigle for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint building, in this city, and calling attention to the fact that the soffit of the arch is not paneled but that the vertical faces are; also that these faces are over line of column at neck, and forwarding two copies of drawing No. 149 explaining the points in question and to supercede drawing No. 112, of the contract set, in this respect, which drawing has also been received and placed on file.

Respectfully,

Law Curry
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 5th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Superwising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 1st instant relative to delay of work under contract with Messrs. S. Faith & Company for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, and also delay of work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract of Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc), of said building, and in reply will state that I have informed Messrs. S. Faith & Company that all matters of delay will receive consideration at the time of final settlement, as directed in your letter.

Referring to the backward condition of work under Mr. McGonigle's contract, I will say that much of the delay is due to the many changes and alterations in the terra cotta work and iron work, considerable of the iron being yet lacking but expected to arrive within a few days, having been shipped, it is reported, from Minneapolis on the 25th ultimo. The work of making the alterations is obviously slow in all cases, but especially so in this case owing to the great number, and the delay in completing the alterations in one branch of the work causes delay in other branches of work in the same portion of the building.

Another matter requiring attention at this time is the fact that Mr. McGonigle, the contractor, is not in the city much of the time having contracts elsewhere and has detailed his son to superintend the work for him. His son is apparently qualified for the work, but owing to sickness and other causes he has been absent from the building almost entirely for the past two months. His foreman, a competent carpenter, is continually on hand, but apparently has never had charge of work of the magnitude and importance of this contract. Mr. McGonigle and his men have manifested a disposition to make the work satisfactory in every respect, all of which is very commendable, but they have not shown a proper disposition to hasten the work towards completion. Mr. McGonigle himself is expected in the city on the 12th instant, and upon his arrival I shall impress upon him very forcibly the necessity of increasing the number of workmen and making every effort to secure the greatest progress possible in his work, and after conferring with him in this matter, I will again report to you as to the prospects. I believe Mr. McGonigle is a mechanic such as to qualify him as a contractor on the best work such as is included in his contract here, and I have hopes that obstacles to proper progress of his work will soon be removed.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. Kelley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 5th, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your letter of the 23rd ultimo, in which you made claim for an extension of the date of completion of work under your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, I will say that the Supervising Architect directs me to inform you that all matters concerning delay in your work will receive consideration at the time of final settlement under the provisions of your contract.

Respectfully,

Leo C. ...

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 6th, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I have to request that you will furnish me with a proposal stating the amount, in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, for which you will furnish and put in place five tablets for the five fan motors constructed and supported similar to tablets required for pumps, etc., under paragraph #592 of the specification for work under your contract; the controlling rheostats, called for by paragraph #707 of the specification, are to be mounted on the new tablets, and new breakers and switches are to be furnished similar to those called for by paragraph #592 of the specification, to be mounted on the new boards above referred to.

Respectfully,

Lee Wiley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 6th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J. C.P.) of the 2nd instant, directing me to obtain from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, a proposal for supplying and putting in place five tablets for the five fan motors constructed and supported similar to tablets required for pumps, etc., under paragraph #592 of the specification for work under said contract; the controlling rheostats, called for by paragraph #707 of said specification, to be mounted on the new tablets, and new breakers and switches to be furnished similar to those called for by paragraph #592 of the specification, mounted on the new boards above referred to, and in reply I have to state that I have accordingly requested such a proposal from the contractors named and will forward the same to your Office immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Allen

Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 8th, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th, initials "E.A. C.", I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators) embraced in a contract with S. Faith & Company, has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The work of placing the heating apparatus and the plumbing is advancing satisfactorily.

The work of sinking the artesian well is progressing satisfactorily.

No other portions of the mechanical equipment have been installed.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting
& Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the
Superintendent of Construction.

U.S.P.O. & C.H., Denver, Colorado,

May 8th, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In accordance with instructions dated May 4th, initials "P.B. W.", I visited the U.S.P.O. & C.H., building in this city and have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The repairs to the heating and hoisting apparatus recommended by the Custodian are necessary and desirable, and should be made in the near future.

As directed, I prepared specifications for the necessary repairs and handed same to the Custodian with the request to secure competitive proposals based thereon and forward the proposals, together with copies of the specification to the Department with his definite recommendation as to acceptance.

I estimate the repairs to the heating and hoisting apparatus will cost approximately \$500.00.

The exhaust steam from the elevator pump now goes to waste and it should be utilized in the heating apparatus. I will prepare specifications for the changes necessary to accomplish the above purpose and will forward them to the department on or about July 1st, next, as the cost of said changes in the plant will be too great to fall as

a charge against the appropriation for repairs for the current year.

In order to aid me in preparing the drawings and specification for the utilization of the exhaust steam, I request that a set of prints of the drawings of the heating and ventilating apparatus of this building be forwarded to me.

I return herewith the papers forwarded me under date of May 4th.

Respectfully,

C. S. Thompson

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and
Ventilating Apparatus.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 8th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 4th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, informing them of the approval or rejection of samples submitted for use under their contract, all as enumerated in said letter.

I have also to acknowledge the receipt this day of the approved samples mentioned which have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Cull
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 11th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F. B. W.) of the 6th instant enclosing copy of letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Co., contractors for Mechanical Equipment for the Mint Building in this city, informing them of the approval of sample of non-syphoning trap standard for slop sink, and I have to acknowledge receipt of said sample which has been placed on file for guidance during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 11th, 1903.

Mr. J.K.Taylor,
Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter, (initial J.C.P.) of the 6th instant, relative to samples of Colorado Portland Cement, delivered for use under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract of Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing &c.) of the Mint Building in this city, and I forward to you for test under separate covers two quarts of said cement, taken from a supply just received at the building, which cement I have had tested as to fineness and found it to meet the said requirement.

Respectfully,

Lee Wiley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 11th, 1903.

Mr. J.K.Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 6th instant, enclosing a copy of letter of even date addressed to the Custodian of the Post Office and Court House building in this city, relative to certain changes and re-assignments in said building, and in reply will state that I have conferred with the Custodian in the matter, and he informed me that he will write you fully, making recommendations &c. as soon as possible. He wishes first to confer with the Postmaster, who is out of the city for a few days.

I will give the Custodian all assistance I can, as directed, when he is ready.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 12th, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colo.,

Sir:-

I have to request that you furnish me a proposal stating the amount in addition to your contract for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing &c.) of the Mint Building in this city, for which you will extend the concrete foundations of the two chimneys near column No. 42 and foundations under the three new columns near column No. 28 in the basement of said building so as to reach gravel bed which is approximately 1'-6" below depths of foundations indicated on the drawings.

Respectfully yours,

L. C. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 12th, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colo.,

Sir:-

I hand you herewith one copy each of blue prints Nos. 1 and 2 showing location of proposed board walks &c. above furred ceilings of first and second stories of the Mint Building in this city, and I will thank you to furnish me a proposal stating the amount in addition to your contract for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing &c.) of said building for which you will furnish and put in place the board walks, platforms and steps as indicated, (securing the walk over first story corridor to the angle supports of ceiling furring) and for cutting out the openings where indicated, approximately 2'-0" by 6'-0" but in no case to expose the structural iron work of the building which must be left protected by the terra cotta covering in all cases.

Respectfully yours,

John D. Kelly
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 12th, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Co.,
Denver, Colo.,

Gentlemen:-

I hand you herewith one copy each of blue prints Nos. 1 and 2 showing location of proposed board walk etc. above furred ceilings of first and second stories of the Mint Building in this city, and I will thank you to furnish me with a proposal, stating the amount in addition to your contract for Mechanical Equipment of said building for which you will furnish and put in place the electric wiring &c. as indicated and specified.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellis

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 13th, 1903.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request leave of absence for seventeen days, beginning the 25th instant.

So far this year I have not had leave of absence.

Respectfully,

Oscar Finnich
Clerk.

Respectfully recommended:

Lee S. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 14th, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th, initials "E.A.C." I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators) embraced in a contract with S. Faith & Company, has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The work of installing the heating apparatus and the plumbing is advancing satisfactorily.

The work of sinking the artesian well is progressing satisfactorily.

No other portions of the mechanical equipment have been installed.

Respectfully,

C. E. Thompson
Inspector, Heating, Hoisting
and Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the
Superintendent of Construction.

John H. H. H.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 15th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

N.S.T.

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 11th instant directing me to obtain from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, a proposal for the supply and installation of a 1 1/4" conduit with #4 B. & S. gauge conductor running from junction box A-B on power circuit #18, drawing E.W. 89, in floor construction, a distance of about 14'0" north, then down on east face of wall between heater and engine rooms to a point about 5'6" above heater room floor, which proposal has been requested from the contractors named and will be forwarded to your Office immediately upon its receipt with my definite recommendation in the matter.

Respectfully,

Lee Valley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 15th, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I have to request that you will furnish me a proposal, stating the amount, in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, for which you will supply and install a 1 1/4" conduit with #4 B. & S. gauge conductor running from junction box A-8 on power circuit #18, drawing E.W. 89, in floor construction, a distance of about 14'0" north, then down on east face of wall between heater and engine rooms to a point about 5'6" above heater room floor, said proposal being desired at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Lee R. Hilly
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 15th, 1903.

Mr. J. I. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to your letter (initial G.W.D.) of March 24th, last, directing me to obtain from Mr. James A. Macdonigle, contractor for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, a proposal to substitute hard Alberene stone for the marble tiling in the Assayer's Laboratory, Furnace Laboratory and Acid Laboratory in the second story of said building, I am informed by the contractor that he is negotiating with parties for the furnishing of said stone, and I have now to ask whether it would not be advisable to obtain from him also a proposition to substitute said stone for the granite floor slabs in the two Refinery rooms in the second story of this building.

I am unable to decide whether it is intended to place wood base skirting or marble base in the Assayer's Laboratory, Furnace Laboratory and Acid Laboratory in the second story, and I desire to know whether it would not be advisable to substitute the Alberene stone for the base skirting in these three rooms in either case.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 15th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of the 5th instant replying to your letter (initial S.) of the 1st instant, relative to delay of work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, I have now to state that Mr. McGonigle himself has been at the building for the past few days and that I have held several conferences with him, after which he agreed to increase the number of workmen under his contract in order to expedite the work, and he fully concurred with me that such a course was necessary. He has increased the number of workmen in all branches of the work, and has given assurance that the work will progress in such a manner hereafter as to be entirely satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Lee Vining
Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colo.
May 15th, 3

Completed	Not begun
10% "	" 1/2% completed
None	Not begun
Not begun	" "
" "	" "
" "	Fire-proof vaults
" "	completed
" "	Not begun
" "	5% completed
" "	Not begun
	" "

The character of the work being done by S. Faith & Company and James A. McConigle is satisfactory in quality and progressing more rapidly than at the time of my previous report. The number of workmen has been increased. It is expected that cutting of the granite will be begun on the 18th instant.

Mechanics employed: 5 bricklayers, 12 ironworkers, 2 painters, 25 laborers, 1 plumber and 2 helpers, 1 steam fitter and 1 engineer.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 18th, 1903.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I will thank you to forward to me at your earliest convenience one copy of drawing No. 140 showing modification of rear door to engine room in basement of the Mint building, in this city, one copy of which drawing was forwarded to me on the 21st of February, last, but not two copies as stated in your letter of said date. The drawing now desired is for the files of my office and was requested in my letter of February 24th, last, but which has not been received.

Respectfully,

Lawrence
Superintendent.

Superintendent

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 18th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial E.A.C.) of the 18th instant, enclosing copy of office letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, in reference to soapstone sinks to be supplied and put in place under their contract, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Geo. W. [illegible]

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 18th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 14th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, Contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, informing them of the acceptance of their proposal to make certain substitution of air compressors, etc., without additional cost to the Government, and I have also to acknowledge the receipt of one copy each of drawing Nos. H-203 and H-204 which have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lea
Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 18th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 13th instant, directing me to obtain from Messrs. S. Falth & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, a proposal for the supply and installation of two 8" vibrating electric gongs, with push buttons, wire tubing, batteries, etc., in said building, and in reply I have to state that I have requested the contractors mentioned to furnish such proposal and will forward it to your Office immediately upon its receipt with my definite recommendation.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 18th, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I have to request that you will furnish me a proposal at your earliest convenience stating the amount, in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, for which you will supply and install two 8" vibrating electric gongs with three push buttons, wire tubing, etc., and a battery of four Leclanche type cells for the bell at front entrance, and eight cells for bell at back entrance, or a sufficient number of cells for the satisfactory operation of each bell. Gongs to be highly polished, other parts neatly finished in black enamel, and the bells to be of different pitch. The push buttons to be of ornamental design and finished in bronze; the button at front entrance to be placed on west side of doorway on outer granite reveal. For the gong at back door, there must be two buttons, one at the door on east side, and one at east entrance of alley, on north side of gateway, and placed about 5'0" above grade. The bell for front entrance to be placed about 10'0" above floor in northwest corner of entrance hall and back of column; the bell for rear entrance to be placed on east side of doorway and about 8'0" above floor. Battery for bell at front entrance to be placed on a shelf in closet of Cashier's room; and for

the bell at back entrance to be placed in a neat wood case on south wall of corridor and near bell. Wires in the building to be run in tubing and from button at alley gate in steel conduit properly protected from corrosion.

Respectfully,

Ray C. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 18th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in your letter (initial J. C.P.) of the 6th instant, I forward you to-day, under separate cover, two quarts of Colorado Portland cement for test, said cement having been taken from a supply just received for use under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge.

Respectfully,

L. C. Kelley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 19th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial E. A. C.) of the 14th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, in reference to certain samples submitted by them for use under said contract, and I have also to acknowledge the receipt of the four approved samples which have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee Cullum
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 19th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of fireproofing vault B-C, included in Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract of Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.,) Mint Building, in this city, I have to inquire whether it is intended that any terra cotta fireproofing shall be put in place over said vault. It would seem advisable to put in place terra cotta arches for the balcony floor over said vault, and I have to ask whether I shall obtain a proposal for said work or will it be satisfactory to simply place the wood floor over the vault without terra cotta fireproofing.

Respectfully,

John C. Ellery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 20th, 1903.

To the Board of Public Works,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I hereby request permission to remove and re-set the fence enclosing the site of the Mint Building, in this city, so that in its new location it will be outside of the line of street curbing on Colfax Avenue and South 13th Street sides of the site, the fence to be built in good condition and a plank sidewalk outside to be constructed to meet all requirements of the city and kept in proper condition for the convenience of the public.

The fence along Colfax Avenue and South 13th Street when it approaches the corner will be low, and above it a suitable wire screen will be placed to the height of the remainder of the fence, in order that street cars on South 13th Street, as they approach Colfax Avenue, will be visible to people driving on Colfax Avenue before reaching the street crossing, thus avoiding danger of accidents at that place. The extent of the fence so constructed would be subject to instructions from your office.

It is desired to re-set the fence so that the street curbing and sidewalks can be placed at an early date, the building not yet being enclosed. The work of sidewalk and curbing will comply in every respect with city regulations and every facility will be given inspectors from your office to examine the work during its construction. The work of sidewalks and street curbing will not be begun until a permit is obtained for the same, which will be requested hereafter.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 21st, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to the matter of retaining wall on south of lot line of the Mint Building, in this city, under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract of Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.), Section B-B for said wall, detailed on drawing No. 121 requires the said wall to be coated on the back with asphalt.

Drawing No. 128, in said contractor's set, bears the note "Contractor will be allowed to use concrete with cement finish for all retaining walls instead of brick", and I have to report that the contractor has decided to use concrete for said retaining wall; and, as Portland cement is being used in the concrete, it would seem unnecessary to coat said wall with asphalt, especially so as the soil here is sandy with but few strata of clay and all water along said wall would readily soak away without entering said wall. Again, the surface of the alley is graded with uniform fall of five feet from one street to the other and it would seem impossible for much water to soak into the ground along said wall, so I recommend that, as the wall is to be constructed of concrete and other conditions being as stated, the asphalt coating be omitted, and I request instructions as to how I shall direct the work to be finished.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 21st, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th, initials "E.A.C.",
I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment
(except engines and generators), embraced in a contract with S. Faith &
Company, has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The work of installing the heating and ventilating apparatus
and the plumbing is advancing satisfactorily.

The work of sinking the artesian well is progressing satisfac-
torily.

The work of installing the electric wire conduits will begin
within a few days.

No other portions of the Mechanical Equipment have been install-
ed.

Respectfully,

A. S. Thompson
Inspector, Heating, Hoisting
& Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the
Superintendent of Construction.

Lee V. H. H.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
Mint Building, U.S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo. Denver, Colo., May 21st, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:- Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 2nd instant, I requested from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, a proposal for supplying and placing five tablets for the five fan motors constructed and supported similar to the tablets required for pumps, etc., and in response have obtained the enclosed proposal for the work which is forwarded to you for your consideration.

While the amount of the proposal appears large for said work I have gone into the matter as carefully as possible with Inspector Thompson and recommend acceptance of the proposal.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
 SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
 U.S. Mint Building,
 Denver, Colo., May 22nd, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,
 Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
 Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request that a new flag, the National Ensign, size 5'-5", x 10'-0", be furnished for display over the temporary office at the U.S. Mint Building, in this city, under my charge.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Allen

Superintendent

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo.

Denver, Colo., May 22nd, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D.C.

Supervising Architect, Washington, D.C.

As directed in your letter, (initial J.C.P.) of October 31st,

1902, I requested a proposal from Mr. J.A. McGonigle, contractor for

Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing &c.) of the Mint Build

ing in this city, for making modifications in the skylight of said

building in accordance with Drawing No. 139, (a copy of my letter,

inclosed herewith) and have received his enclosed proposal, in

amount One Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-five (\$1385.00) Dollars,

which, considering the difficulties in connection with placing the

new work and the fact that the same is of such design as to re-

quire special patterns etc. is very reasonable and I recommend its

acceptance.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Lee Ellery

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., May 22nd, 1903.

Denver, Colo., May 22nd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Mr. J. K. Taylor, Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Sir:-

Washington, D.C.

Sir:- As directed in your letter, (initial J.C.P.) of October 1st,

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 14th ult., I requested a proposal from Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building in this city for the double terra cotta partition (a copy of my letter enclosed herewith), and

I received his enclosed proposal, in amount Thirtythree (\$33.00) Dollars which I consider reasonable and I recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,
Superintendent.

Superintendent

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 22nd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a proposal, in amount Sixty nine (\$69.00) Dollars from Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing &c.) of the Mint Building in this city for furnishing and placing three registers &c. in ceilings of laboratory rooms in second story as per my letter of the 2nd ultimo, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

Said registers are indicated on Drawing H-84 of said building (\$33.00) Dollars which is considered reasonable and recommended for its acceptance.

on the drawings for the Interior Finish so I obtained the enclosed proposal which I consider reasonable and recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Barry

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction.

U.S. Mint Building.

Denver, Colo., May 22nd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a proposal, in amount Three Hundred (300.00) Dollars from Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing &c. of the Mint Building in this city for putting in place board walks, platforms, steps etc. and cutting floor ways in partitions above lured ceilings in first and second stories of said building to permit access to valves of plumbing pipes etc. in accordance with my letter of the 12th instant, (copy of which enclosed herewith) and blueprints Nos. 1 and 2, (also enclosed) As the walks appear necessary for protection of the plastering and as the proposal is deemed reasonable I recommend its acceptance.

A proposal for electric wires and lights along said walks, has been requested from another contractor and will be forwarded to you upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

Lee C. C. C.

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 22nd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a proposal, in amount Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars from Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion, (except certain Vaults, Plumbing etc.) of Mint Building in this city, for extra depth of foundations of the two new chimneys in southwest portion of basement, and for three new columns under Vault M.

I made careful examination of the bottoms of excavations for foundations of said chimneys and columns and found them to be a fine sand, in the nature of quick sand and at approximately water line. I consider it inadvisable to construct the work on said sand but an additional depth of 18" will give us a good gravel bed, to which the original foundations of the building were carried as authorized by Department letter of Oct. 21, 1898. As the extra depth of foundation is considered necessary for good construction and as the bid is deemed reasonable, I recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colorado, May 23rd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J. C. P.), of the 20th instant, enclosing a letter of even date, addressed to Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for the completion (Except Certain Vaults, Plumbing etc.), of the Mint Building in this city, relative to his default in the matter of samples, and directing me to suspend further issuance of vouchers to him in payment for work, until further instructions, which directions will be complied with.

Hisdalay, referred to, has, to my personal knowledge, been largely due to the difficulties he has encountered in making sub-contracts for various branches of the work. He has this matter fairly well settled now, and with parties and for such materials as will, I believe, (and in many cases I know), result to the best interests of the Government-- in some cases not subletting to the lowest bidders. He has been endeavoring lately to prepare and forward all remaining samples and I trust the matter will soon be satisfactorily adjusted.

He has without exception manifested a disposition to make his work satisfactory and I am therefore prompted to speak a word in his behalf, notwithstanding his default in the matter of samples.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Cullery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building.

Denver, Colo., May 25th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G. W. D.) of 22nd instant, enclosing a letter of even date addressed to The Diebold Safe and Lock Co., contractors for vaults &c. for the Mint Building in this city, relative to decorations on vault doors, which letter has been placed on file for future reference.

Respectfully,

Lee Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 25th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G. W. D.) of 22nd instant relative to the use of Alberene stone in lieu of granite for floors of the two refinery rooms in second story of the Mint Building in this city, and I will request Mr. J. A. McGonigle contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing &c.) for said building to submit a proposal for said substitution but I desire first that you advise me as to the dimensions of the slabs as the price will be materially lessened if small slabs can be used. The granite slabs were required to be 6'-0" x 6'-0" and 2 1/2" thick, and it seems almost impossible to ship and handle the slabs of that size, being so thin.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 27th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

In the matter of paving of driveway at the Mint Building in this city, which the specification (paragraph 7, page 41), requires to be of granite, I will state that I advised Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing &c.) of said building, to offer to use a hard chrystalized red sand stone, similar to that used for street curbing, in lieu of the granite which I understand he did yesterday in submitting the samples. As the granite is so brittle and the sandstone offered is dense and tough, and will certainly make a better driveway, I recommend that it be accepted in lieu of the granite.

Respect fully,

Lawrence
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., May 28th, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th, initials, E.A.C.
I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment
(except engines and generators), embraced in the contract with
S. Faith & Co., has been installed in accordance with the terms
of agreement.

The work of installing the heating and ventilating apparatus and the plumbing is advancing satisfactorily. About 12 1/2% of the plumbing has been installed and about 5 1/2% of the heating and ventilating apparatus has been installed.

The work of sinking the artesian well is progressing slowly. The well has been drilled to a depth of 390 feet. The work of sinking the well is delayed on account of the difficulty in securing the casing.

The work of installing the electric wire conduits is progressing satisfactorily and is about 1% completed.

No other portions of the Mechanical Equipment have been installed.

Respectfully,

Forwarded thro' the
Superintendent of Construction. and Ventilating Apparatus.
Inspector, Heating, Hoisting

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

May 29th, 3.

Completed	Not begun.
12 1/2% " 15%	12% completed.
None.	Not begun.
Not begun.	" "
10% completed. 35%	" "
Not begun.	(fireproof) Completed.
" "	Not begun.
25% completed.	5 1/2% completed.
Not begun.	1% "
	Not begun.

The character of the work on Mechanical Equipment being done by Messrs. S. Faith & Co. and Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing &c.) being done by J.A. McGonigle is satisfactory.

Mechanics employed: 3 bricklayers, 12 ironworkers, 1 painter, 2 lathers, 25 laborers, 20 granite cutters, 1 plumber, 1 steam fitter, 3 helpers, 1 engineer.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Kery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 2nd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Tayler,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 27th instant, (initial F. B. W.), and one print of drawing No. 140 for the Mint building in this city under Mr. J. A. McGonigle's contract, which has been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee Ullery

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 2nd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, (initial J. C. P.), enclosing a letter of even date addressed to Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing etc.), of the Mint Building in this city, relative to the acceptance of his proposal in amount thirty-three (\$33.00) dollars to place a double 4" terra cotta partition in basement, between columns 4 and 5. Vouchers for the work will be issued upon its satisfactory completion in accordance with the authority granted in said letter.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Ullery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 2nd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.,

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, (initial F. B. W.) enclosing a letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Co., contractors for Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, approving certain samples (waste piping, and floor and wall plates), which have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work. Samples received today by express.

Respectfully,

Lea C. Kelley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 2nd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, (initial J. C. P.) enclosing a letter of even date addressed to Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing &c.), of the Mint Building in this city, relative to the acceptance of the samples of oak and pine, which have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work. Samples received to-day by express.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 2nd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in Department letter (initial S.) of March 18th, 1903 and in response to a letter of 22nd ultimo from the Acting Custodian of the Post Office building at Pueblo, Colorado, I went to that city on the 31st ultimo, to make final examination and report on the work of certain repairs &c. done by The Piper Brothers Company, which was reported completed except that the lawn was not yet satisfactory.

I found the work of scilling and sodding satisfactory except that the contractor will be required to care for the grass a short time yet to insure satisfactory growth. The cement floors in south areas, and floors and steps in basement lookout room are unsatisfactory, the cement finish being loose and cracked, and must be taken up and re-laid. Open joints at walls of west and north areas not filled and pointed as required, yet some of the joints are open an inch; open joints at mailing platform not filled throughout (the interior spaces were found to be open); joints at east balcony were partially filled with poor cement, nearly as worthless as clay; brickwork over windows to room 309 was not properly repaired; the driveway (although well paved) was graded in front to shed water on the artificial stone sidewalk instead of directly to the street gutter, and along west side it discharged the water on the adjoining

Mr. J. K. Taylor.....June 2nd, 1903.....2.

ing property.

The contractors, it seems, sublet the work of the several branches, and did not give it the attention we had a right to expect of them. They are reliable men and good mechanics, and have agreed to remedy the defects at once.

I explained the defects to the Janitor in the presence of the contractors, also to the Acting Custodian and gave the Janitor a written list of the same and with these and the instructions they may be able to superintend and make final report on the work without a further visit from me, but I think another visit advisable at the time of completion, of which the Custodian can inform me if a copy of this letter and instructions in the matter are given him.

I did not initial a voucher for final payment as no part of the work was yet satisfactorily completed.

Respectfully,

L. C. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 3rd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I forward you to-day, under separate covers, two quarts of Colorado Portland cement for test, said cement having been taken from a supply just received for use under Mr. J. A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, Plumbing &c.) of the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Allen

Superintendent.

*I have made a test of the cement
as to fineness and find that it meets that
requirement of the specification*

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 3rd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 28th ultimo, advising me of the necessity of requiring Mr. J. A. McGonig contractor for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing & of the Mint Building in this city, to asphalt the back of the retaining wall along south lot line at this building and I will require the wall to be asphalted as directed, and as specified on Drawing No. 121.

Respectfully,

Lee Valley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 4th, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th, (initials E.A.C.)
I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment
(except engines and generators), embraced in a contract with S.
Faith and Co., has been installed in accordance with the terms of
the agreement.

The work of installing the heating and ventilating apparatus
and the plumbing is advancing satisfactorily.

The work of sinking the artesian well is progressing satis-
factorily.

The work of installing the electric wire conduits is pro-
gressing satisfactorily.

No other portions of the Mechanical Equipment have been
installed.

Respectfully,

H. S. Thompson
Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and Ventilating
Apparatus.

Forwarded thro' the Sup't. of Construction.

Lee Ullery

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 5th, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J. C. P.) of the 1st instant, enclosing Department letter of even date accepting proposal, in amount Five Hundred, Fifty (\$550.00) Dollars, of Messrs. S. Faith & Co., contractors for Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, for finishing and placing five tablets for fan motors, and authorizing me to certify and issue vouchers in payment for the work, which will be done.

Respectfully,

Lee E. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 6th, 1903.

Mr. J. A. McGonigle,

Denver, Colo.,

Sir:-

I am directed to obtain a proposal for placing terra cotta fireproofing over vault B-C in the Mint Building in this city and I will thank you to state the amount in addition to your contract for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing &c.) of the said building for which you will put in place 6" terra cotta blocks over said vault, to rest on the same, to be similar to, and put in place in same manner as, other terra cotta work under your contract.

Respectfully,

L. V. Valley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 6th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J. C. P.) of the 2nd instant, making inquiry relative to Buckhorn wall plaster proposed by Mr. J. A. McGonigle for use under his contract for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing etc.) of the Mint Building in this city and in reply will say that it is a hard wall plaster and was used, I am informed, in the Majestic building, Bennett and Meyers building and in two Ward buildings recently constructed at the country hospital here, and from my examination and from other information obtained I have to report that said plaster has proven satisfactory. The new partitions in the Post Office Building in this city constructed three years ago and the walls in the Superintendent's office building here, constructed in 1897 were plastered under my supervision, with Buckhorn wall plaster and I have to report that the work is sound and hard with no defects due to the material used. Mr. F. E. Edbrooke, the leading architect here, and a brother of a former Supervising Architect says he has used it quite extensively and has always obtained good results. I therefore do not hesitate to recommend its use as the hard plaster for the Mint Building.

Respectfully,

Lee Miller
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 6th, 1903.

Mr. J. A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colo.,

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of March 27th, last, asking you to state the amount in addition to your contract for completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, &c.,) of the Mint Building in this city, for which you will substitute hard Alberine stone for marble floor tiling in Assayer's, Furnace and Acid Laboratories in second story of said building. I have also to request that you state the amount for putting in place in said three rooms, base skirting of the said stone, to be of same height as shown for wood base skirting, and $3/4$ " thick with bevel top and surface hone finish, also state the terms on which you will put in place in the Refinery and Refinery Drying Rooms in second story of said building, hard Alberine stone slabs $4'-0" \times 4'-0"$ and $2 \frac{1}{2}"$ thick in lieu of granite slabs $6'-0" \times 6'-0"$ and $2 \frac{1}{2}"$ thick as now required by your contract. Please also submit a sample of said stone and state the method and materials to be used in making the joints of all the floor slabs acid proof.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 6th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (Initial J. C. P.) of 25th, ultimo, directing me to obtain from the contractor a proposal for placing terra cotta fireproofing over Vault B-C, in the Mint Building in this city, and in reply will state that I have called upon the contractor for said proposal, which will be forwarded to you promptly upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

Lee Wiley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 6th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your circular letter (initial S.) of the 3rd instant, directing me to report at the end of the present month as to the point of advancement etc. at that time, of work under various contracts at the Mint Building in this city, which direction will be complied with.

Photographic views will be made on the 1st proximo as provided by the terms of the contract for interior finish of the building and it is not believed necessary to have additional photographic views made at that time.

Respectfully,

Lee S. Gilling
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building.

Denver, Colo., June 6th, 1903.

Mr. J. H. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 2nd instant, relative to proposal for substitution of Alberine stone in lieu of granite in Refinery rooms in second story of the Mint Building in this city, and in reply will say that I have requested the contractor to submit a proposal, for said substitution, which will be forwarded to you immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

L. J. ...
Superintendent.

George
Superintendent of Construction,
U. S. Post Building,

Denver, Colo., June 11th, 1901.

Mr. T. Thompson,

Captain, D.C. Co.

Chief of Division, Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, informing me that one National Design, 4-1/4 x 8 feet, for the use of the Post Building in this city, under my charge, has been forwarded to me, which has been received.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 8th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 4th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter accepting proposal, in amount Sixty-nine (\$69.00) Dollars, from Mr. J. A. McGonigle contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building in this city, for placing three registers in furred ceilings of laboratory rooms in second story of said building, and authorizing me to certify and issue vouchers in payment for said work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 8th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 4th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date addressed to Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing &c.) of the Mint Building in this city, accepting his proposal, in amount Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for additional concrete foundations under two new chimneys and three new columns in the basement of said building, and authorizing me to certify and issue vouchers in payment for said work.

Respectfully,

Lowell
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 8th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J. C. P.) of the 3rd instant, enclosing a copy of letter of same date addressed to Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building in this city informing him of acceptance of samples of 2 1/2" mesh No. 16 expanded metal; plate glass; white pine and No. 24 galvanized iron, which samples have also been received at this office and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 8th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 4th instant, enclosing a copy of letter of same date addressed to Mr. J. A. McGonigle contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building in this city, informing him of the acceptance of the sample of sandstone for the street curbing under his contract, the said sample has been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work. I am also in receipt of letter (also enclosed) of same date, addressed to the contractor informing him of the acceptance of his proposition to substitute sandstone, similar to the sample above referred to, in lieu of granite for the paving of the driveway, the same to be without additional cost to the Government.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 9th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J. C. P.) of the 5th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of same date, addressed to Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building in this city, accepting his proposal, in amount Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars, for placing plank walks, steps &c. over furred ceilings in first and second stories of said building, and authorizing me to certify and issue vouchers in payment for the said work.

Respectfully,

Lee Wilbur
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 9th, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer,

Office of Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to request authority to expend One Dollar and Eighty cents (\$1.80) for coal oil for lights, Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) for telephone service from July 1st, to October 1st, and Six Dollars and Seventy-five cents (\$6.75) for water charge for use in the temporary office of the Superintendent of Construction of the Mint Building in this city, from May 1st, 1903 to Oct. 1st, 1903.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 11th, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th, (initials H.A.C.),
I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment
(except engines and generators), embraced in a contract with S.
Faith and Co., has been installed in accordance with the terms of
the agreement.

The work of installing the heating and ventilating apparatus
and the plumbing is advancing satisfactorily.

The work of sinking the artesian well is progressing satis-
factorily.

The work of installing the electric wire conduits is pro-
gressing satisfactorily.

No other portions of the Mechanical Equipment have been
installed.

Forwarded thro'
the Sup't. of Construction.

Respectfully,

Lee W. King

C. S. [Signature]

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and Venti-
lating Apparatus.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 13th, 1903.

Mr. J. A. McGonigle,

Denver, Colo.,

Sir:-

I have to request that you furnish me a proposal, stating the amount, in addition to your contract for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing &c.) of the Mint Building in this city, for which you will remove the broken marble sill now in place in the south window on the west side of said building and put in place a sound sill of marble similar to other marble sills in place, in material and finish and have wash with seat for wood sill as indicated on Drawing No. 114 of your contract set.

Respectfully,

Lowell E. ...
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 23th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of Department letter (initial S.) of the 10th, instant, enclosing copy of office letter of the 9th instant addressed to the Custodian of the Post Office Building at Pueblo Colo., relative to final inspection of work at said building under contract with The Piper Brothers Company, and instructing me to proceed to said city to make final examination of the work when the Custodian shall inform me the work is ready for said final examination. In reply I will state that said instructions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Lee C. [Signature]
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 15th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 11th instant, enclosing copy of a letter of same date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Co., contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, informing them of the approval of certain steel intended for use in the construction of the boilers to be supplied under their contract.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Allen

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 15th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J. C. P.) of the 11th instant, enclosing copy of office letter of same date, addressed to Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing &c.) of the Mint Building in this city, informing him of the approval of Buckhorn Wall Plaster for use under his contract, on the walls of said building, where hard wall plaster is required.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

Mont Building, Denver, Colorado.

June 15th, 1903. ----

Completed.	Not begun.
15% "	12 1/2 % completed
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not begun.	(fire proof) completed
" "	Not begun.
50 % completed.	6% completed.
Not begun.	6% completed.
	Not begun.

The character of the work done is satisfactory, some delay is being caused by the slow progress on the artesian well.

The number of mechanics employed this month is as follows:-
3 bricklayers, 12 ironworkers, 1 painter, 2 lathers, 25 laborers, 20 granite cutters, 1 plumber, 1 steam fitter, 3 helpers, 1 engineer.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 15th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J. C. P.) of the 11th instant, requesting me to obtain from the contractors for the Mint Building in this city, a proposal for constructing a closet over the vault in the Cashier's room, provided with suitable steel door and iron stairs for access to same, and I have requested the contractor to furnish me a proposal, which will be forwarded to you upon its receipt.

One copy of Drawing No. 205 has been received, but as this is needed by the contractor I will thank you for an additional copy for the files of this office, for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 15th, 1903.

Mr. J. A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colo.,

Sir:-

I have to request that you will furnish me a proposal stating the amount, in addition to your contract for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing &c.) of the Mint Building in this city, for which you will construct the closet over Vault M, in said building, providing a steel closet door, and iron stairs for access to same etc., all as indicated on Drawing No. 205, all the new work to correspond in material and finish with other similar work to be supplied and placed in the building.

Respectfully,

Lee Vallery.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 15th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I forward you to-day under separate covers, two quarts of Colorado Portland cement for test, said cement having been taken from a supply just received for use under Mr. J. A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing &c.) of the Mint Building in this city.

I have made a test of the cement as to fineness and find that it meets that requirement of the specification.

Respectfully,

Lois V. H. J.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 15th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to paragraph Nos. 825, 835, 889 and 897 of the specification for the Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators) for the building under my charge I note that it is stated therein that the power boxes, telephone and fire alarm boxes, etc., are to be located where determined by the Superintendent of Machinery of the Mint. I deem it advisable that the Superintendent of Machinery be assigned to duty at this building in the very near future in order that he may determine the exact location of the power boxes, etc., as the contractors for this work are now ready to install the work.

Should the Superintendent of Machinery not be assigned to duty at this building in the near future, it will be necessary for me to locate the power boxes, etc., in the positions designated on the drawings for the Mechanical Equipment; which locations may or may not be exactly as will be required by the special machinery to be installed by the Mint Bureau.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 15th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 25th ultimo, I requested Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing &c.) of the Mint Building in this city to submit a proposal for placing terra cotta fire-proofing over vault B-C, (a copy of my letter of the 6th instant, is enclosed herewith) and have received in response the enclosed proposal, in amount Twenty-eight (\$28.50) dollars and fifty cents which I consider reasonable and I recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 15th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

As requested in your letter (initial J. C. P.) of Feb. 21, 1903, I requested Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing &c.) of the Mint Building in this city, to submit a proposition for changing the exterior doors to engine room of said building to slide, as indicated on Drawing No. 140, (a copy of my letter of Feb. 24th, is herewith enclosed) and in response I have received the enclosed proposal, in amount Seventy-eight Dollars and Thirty cents (\$78.30) which I consider reasonable and recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

L. C. P.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 16th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

As directed by your letter (initial G. W. D.) of March 24th, 1903, I requested Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing etc.) of the Mint Building in this city to submit a proposal for substitution of hard Alberene stone for marble in the Assayer's, Furnace and Acid Laboratory rooms in second story of said building, (a copy of my letter of March 27th is herewith enclosed, as is also a copy of my letter of the 6th instant) and in response have received the enclosed proposal, in amount One thousand ninety-five (\$ 1095.00) Dollars. This proposal as you will notice includes placing base skirting of the same stone in lieu of wood, and is reasonable, considering the sub-contractors have been getting out some of their marble work and can not make a large deduction for the omission of the marble floor tiling. I therefore recommend the acceptance of the enclosed proposal.

The contractor informs me he has requested the sub-contractor for the Alberene stone to forward to you a sample of said stone and to inform you as to the method of jointing same to make the work acid proof. If this is done I will thank you to inform me fully as to the method of jointing etc.

Respectfully,

Superintendent

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 26th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial G. W. D.) of the 22nd ultimo, and letter (initial J. C. P.) of the 2nd instant, I requested Mr. J. A. McGonigle contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing etc.) of the Mint Building in this city, to submit a proposal for substituting hard Alberene stone for the granite on floors of the Refinery and Refinery Drying rooms in second story of said building, (a copy of my letter of the 6th instant is herewith enclosed) and in response have received from the contractor the enclosed proposal, to make the changes without additional expense to the Government, and as the proposal is considered reasonable I recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Lee H. ...
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 16th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial P. B. W.), 12th instant, enclosing copy of letter of same date addressed to Mr. J. A. Mc Gonigle contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing etc.) of the Mint Building in this city, relative to shop Drawings Nos. 206 to 213 inclusive, for ornamental iron work under his contract and informing us that one set of said drawings has been forwarded to this office. In reply I will state that said drawings have been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 16th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F. B. W.) of the 12th instant, enclosing copy of letter of same date addressed to Messrs S. Faith & Co. contractors for Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, informing them of the approval of samples of gate valve (Kennedy); linen fire hose; lead lined galvanized iron pipe and lead lined cast iron pipe, submitted for use under their contract, and informing me that said samples had been forwarded to this office. I reply I have to state that said samples have been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 16th, 1903.

Mr. J. A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colo.,

Sir:-

Referring to your proposal in amount One thousand three hundred eighty-five (\$1385.00) Dollars dated May 22nd, 1903 for change of skylight gutters and louvres, in addition to your contract for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing etc.) of the Mint Building in this city, I have to inform you that the Supervising Architect has decided not to make the entire change covered by said proposal and as shown on Drawing No. 139, but directs me to obtain from you a proposal for putting in place the additional condensation gutters for the skylight as indicated on said drawing, forwarded to you with my letter of Nov. 25th 1902; and I will thank you to furnish me said proposal at your earliest convenience, and include in said proposal the furnishing and placing of two new skylight glass to correspond with other glass in place, in said skylight and the gutters to be of 16 ounce cold rolled copper as shown and noted.

Respectfully,

Lois C. Kelley

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 16th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, (initial J. C. P.) relative to proposal in amount \$1385.00 and dated May 22nd 1903, from Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing etc.) of the Mint Building in this city informing me that it is not deemed expedient at this time to make the change in skylight louvres, and directing me to obtain from him a proposal for the additional condensation gutters under skylight, and in reply will state that I have informed the contractor of the decision relative to skylight louvres and have requested him to submit a proposal for the gutters, which proposal will be forwarded to you immediately upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

L. W. H. H.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 18th, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of samples submitted by Mr. J.A. McGonigle, for use under his contract for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing etc.) of the Mint Building in this city. He desires to know whether he will be permitted to use the samples of hardware submitted and approved, or will they become the property of the Government? Paragraph five on page 37 of the specifications for his work calls for bronzed face axle pulleys. Will bronzed face answer, or should the exposed face not be of real bronze to match other hardware?

Respectfully,

Lea H. H. H.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 19th, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 12th, (initial E.A.C.)
I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment
(except engines and generators), embraced in a contract with S.
Faith and Co., has been installed in accordance with the terms of
the agreement.

The work of installing the heating and ventilating apparatus
and the plumbing is advancing satisfactorily.

The work of sinking the artesian well is suspended on account
of breaking off a reamer in the hole. Effort is being made to re-
move the reamer.

The work of installing the electric wire conduits is pro-
gressing satisfactorily.

No other portions of the Mechanical Equipment have been
installed.

Forwarded thro'
the Sup't. of Construction.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Ullery

C. F. Thompson
Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and Venti-
lating Apparatus.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 10th, 1908.

Mr. J. A. McGonigle,

Denver, Colo.,

Sir:-

I have to request that you furnish me a proposal stating amount in addition to your contract for Completion (except on Main Vaults, Plumbing etc.) of the Mint Building in this city, which you will furnish and put in place the two cess pools and drain pipes from gutters along the stone wall on the Colfax side of the building and connecting same to the street catch basin now in place at the corner of Colfax Ave. and South 12th Street, all to be as shown and located on Drawings Nos. 120 and 121. The cess pools to be of cast iron of design indicated and the drain to be of 6" standard cast iron pipe from cess pool outside of wall, jointed with oakum and calked tight with lead. From cast iron pipe to connection with city catch basin use of salt glazed earthenware pipe laid with uniform grade and all joints made water tight with Portland cement, scraped clean after laying.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Elling
Superintendent

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 19th, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith and Co.,

Denver, Colo.,

Sirs:

I have to request that you furnish me a proposal stating the amount in addition to your contract for Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators), of the Mint Building in this city, for which you will furnish and put in place the two cess pools and drain pipes from gutters along the stone wall on the Colfax Ave. side of the building and connecting same to the street catch basin now in place at the corner of Colfax Ave. and South 15th Street, all to be as shown and located on Drawings Nos. 120 and 121. The cess pools to be of cast iron of design indicated and the drain to be of 6" standard cast iron pipe from cess pool to outside of wall, jointed with oakum and calked tight with lead. From cast iron pipe to connection with city catch basin use 6" salt glazed earthenware pipe laid with uniform grade and all joints made water tight with Portland cement, scraped clean after laying.

Respectfully,

Lee Wiley

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 20th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 16th instant, enclosing a letter of even date addressed to Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building in this city, advising him that the 20 ounce copper, as represented by the sample, is approved for use in the work, where required. The sample has been received and placed on file for guidance during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee Valley

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 20th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G. W. D.) of the 17th instant, enclosing a copy of letter of even date addressed to Diebold Safe and Lock Company, rejecting their proposal for ten oxidized silver plaques, in amount seven hundred and thirty-five (\$755.00) for certain doors to vaults in the Mint Building in this city, and asking them to supply bronze plaques, the model to be furnished by the Government. The same has been placed on file for reference.

Respectfully,

Lee Ulery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 23rd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to Department letter (initial S.) of the 10th, instant, directing me to visit the Post Office Building in Pueblo, Colo. and make examination and report upon the work of re-grading of lot, re-paving of driveway &c. performed by the Piper Brothers Company, upon receipt of information from the Custodian of said building that the work was completed and ready for final inspection. I have to say that on the 20th instant I received notice from the Custodian that the contractors had remedied the defects mentioned in my report of the 2nd instant, and the work was again ready for final inspection.

I went to Pueblo on the 21st instant and found the said work satisfactorily completed, but some cleaning up had not been done and at one place the area pipe railing was not properly secured. I checked vouchers for payment, and the Custodian will forward the same to you after these slight matters are adjusted, which the contractors will do at once. This will complete the work satisfactorily within the time allowed by their contract, namely, one hundred days from March 18th, last. I did not consider it necessary to remain to direct the correction of the trivial defects but returned to this city on the afternoon of the 22nd instant.

The railing on the rear steps leading to the mailing plat-

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 23rd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Referring to Department letter (initial S.) of the 10th, instant, directing me to visit the Post Office Building in Pueblo, Colo. and make examination and report upon the work of re-grading of lot, re-paving of driveway &c. performed by the Piper Brothers Company, upon receipt of information from the Custodian of said building that the work was completed and ready for final inspection. I have to say that on the 20th instant I received notice from the Custodian that the contractors had remedied the defects mentioned in my report of the 2nd instant, and the work was again ready for final inspection.

I went to Pueblo on the 21st instant and found the said work satisfactorily completed, but some cleaning up had not been done and at one place the area pipe railing was not properly secured. I checked vouchers for payment, and the Custodian will forward the same to you after these slight matters are adjusted, which the contractors ~~will~~ do at once. This will complete the work satisfactorily within the time allowed by their contract, namely, one hundred days from March 18th, last. I did not consider it necessary to remain to direct the correction of the trivial defects but returned to this city on the afternoon of the 23rd instant.

The railing on the rear steps leading to the mailing plat-

Pueblo. June 23rd, 1905.

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form has recently been struck in some way, (probably by a mail wagon), and has broken off part of the outer end of the granite steps into which the first upright was loaded, and I asked parties there to submit a proposal for reinforcing the upright bar of said railing, and also to raise and re-cement the cement gutter from the west downspout, north of the mailing platform, where it discharges water upon the driveway. The said gutter had settled below the driveway curb but the necessity of remedying this was not noticed in October 1901 when I prepared the specifications for the repairs to the driveway etc., so it was not included in Piper Brothers contract. The brickwork of the arch over the ash pit north of the mailing platform (and adjoining the same) was found to be broken near the coping at ash hoist doorway and needs re-cementing, which I asked to have included in the proposal. The Piper Brothers Company agreed to repair the railing, raise and repair the cement gutter and cement at the coping over ash hoist for fifteen (\$15.00) dollars, and the custodian will no doubt forward to you the said proposal at once. The amount of the proposal is reasonable, the work necessary without delay, and I recommend that their proposal be accepted.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 23rd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F. B. W.) of the 19th instant, enclosing a copy of letter of same date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith and Co., contractors for Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators) of the Mint Building in this city, advising them relative to winding of motors, which letters have been placed on file for reference.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building.

Denver, Colo., June 23rd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 19th instant, enclosing copy of letter of same date addressed to Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing etc.), of the Mint Building in this city relative to non submission of samples and to withholding of vouchers for work under his contract, which letters have been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 23, 1903.

Mr. F. E. Healy,

Engineer in charge Mint Building, Denver, Colo.,

Bureau of Mint, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Your letter of the 18th instant, asking for certain measurements in the engine room of the Mint Building in this city was received upon my return to-day from Pueblo, Colo., but I regret to say that no enameled brick or other finish in the engine room has been put in place, and as the rough work conforms to the drawings for the building, no accurate measurements can be obtained that would give any information not shown on the office drawings. The partition you refer to as being "supported on arches" is not in place and the exact dimensions of the same will depend upon the bonding of the enameled brick in constructing the work. Regretting that I can not give you any definite information at this time, I am

Respectfully,

Lee

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 30, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in your "Circular Letter" (initial S.) of the 2nd instant, directing me to make report at this time as to advancement of work at the Mint Building in this city, for use in connection with the preparation of the annual report on buildings under control of your office, I have to report as follows:-

The building is enclosed and under roof, all floor arches and partitions have been completed, considerable of the furring and metal lathing has been put on, walls along approaches are in course of construction, storage vault pit and foundation have been completed, and a large portion of the plumbing and heating pipes and electric wire conduits inside the building, have been placed.

Those portions of the furring and lathing, approach walls, storage vault pit, plumbing and heating pipes and electric wire conduits mentioned as being done, have been put in place since June 30, 1902.

Photographs of the work will be made on the 1st proximo, which it is believed, obviates the necessity of special photographs at this time.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 24, 1908.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-
I am in receipt of your letter (initial P.E.W.) of the 20th instant, advising me that Drawing No. 205 showing vault closet and stairs for Cashier's Room of the Mint Building in this city, has been forwarded to me. Said drawing has been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U.S. MINING BUILDING,

Denver, Colo., June 24, 1908.

Mr. J. W. Taylor,

Superintendent of Architecture, Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

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Referring to your letter (dated J.C.P.) of the 20th inst.
concerning the suspension of vouchers to Mr. J. S. A.
McGonigle, contractor for construction (except certain plumbing
work) of the Mining Building in this city, until further in-
structions, and the matter of new form of vouchers to be used
after the 1st proximo, I will thank you to inform me (when di-
recting me to resume issuance of vouchers to the said contractor),
whether the new style of vouchers must be used for work com-
pleted by him prior to the 1st proximo, or will the style of vouchers
heretofore used be satisfactory? I have certified vouchers for
work done by Mr. McGonigle in May and will also certify, at the end
of this month, a similar voucher for the work done in June, 1908.
I will respond with the monthly work report made on sheet No. 2, and the
vouchers will not be issued to the contractor until I have in-
structions from you to do so.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 24, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a proposal in amount One hundred and twenty-five (\$125.00) Dollars from Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (Except certain Vaults, Plumbing etc.) of the Mint Building in this city for removing the broken marble sill now in place at the south 1st story window at the west end of the said building, and putting in place a new marble sill, as called for in my letter of the 13th instant, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

The said sill was put in place under a former contract and is broken where indicated by the red line on the enclosed tracing, due, no doubt, to some difference in bedding, yet much care was exercised in all these cases to bed the sills at the ends only.

The jambs must be shored up, brickwork removed back of present sill, etc., in order to take out the present sill and place the new one, which must be shipped from Chicago, Ill., or Knoxville, Tenn., as a special order, (none being in stock here of the proper size,) so that the proposal is reasonable, and as the change should be made now, I recommend the acceptance of the enclosed proposal.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building.

Denver, Colo., June 24, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed by your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 12th instant, I requested Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing etc.) of the Mint Building in this city to submit a proposition for the additional copper condensation gutters under skylight of said building as indicated on Drawing No. 139. (a copy of my letter of the 16th instant is herewith enclosed) and in response I received the enclosed proposal, in amount One Hundred and Seventy-two (\$172.00) Dollars, which includes the cost of two new glass that appear to have been broken by stones thrown upon the building. As 112 lights of glass must be taken up and re-set, and 250 lineal feet of new gutter supplied and placed, as well as reforming and re-securing the copper caps on the sash bars, the enclosed proposal is reasonable and I recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 25, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Co.,

Denver, Colo.,

Gentlemen:-

I will thank you to furnish me a proposal, stating the amount in addition to your contract for Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators) of the Mint Building in this city, for which you will remove the 24"x 14" horizontal vent duct now in place at ceiling of blacksmith shop in attic of said building, and re-place and re-connect the same 2'-0" further west than its present position (leaving 2'-6" space between said duct and the partition at the corridor door) also changing the 12"x 30" vent duct over ceiling of attic toilet room (leading from the second story vent flue) to connect same with the 24"x 18" horizontal duct directly east of the said vertical flue, (increasing the horizontal duct to 24"x 28" ^{instead of north} from the point of connection) of same as indicated on Drawing No. H. 25. The branch north of the said flue to be cut off close to the main duct and properly capped.

Respectfully,

Law C. C. C.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 25, 1903.

Mr. J. A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colo.,

Sir:-

I have to request that you furnish me a proposal stating the amount in addition to your contract for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing etc.) of the Mint Building in this city, for which you will put in place the 10"x16" vent flue in the south terra cotta partition wall of the Acid Laboratory of said building as indicated on Drawing No. 102 with 10" x 16" outlet over the corridor curved ceiling all to correspond with other similar work now under your contract. In this connection I have to call your attention to the fact that the 16"x 16" register noted on said plan for said flue is considered a part of your contract work.

Respectfully,

Lee A. McGonigle
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 26, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department,

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th, initials "E.A.C." I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators), embraced in a contract with S. Faith & Co., has been installed in accordance with the terms of agreement.

About 17% of the plumbing, about 12 1/2% of the heating and ventilating apparatus and about 27% of the electric wire conduits have been installed.

The work of sinking the artesian well is suspended on account of the breaking off of a reamer in the hole. Effort is being made to remove the reamer.

No other portions of the Mechanical Equipment have been installed.

Respectfully,

A. S. Thompson

Forwarded thro' the Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and Ventilating Apparatus.
Supt of Construction.

Lee Ullery

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 26, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a proposal, in amount Forty Dollars, (\$40.00) from Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing etc.) of the Mint Building in this city for furnishing and placing the galvanized iron vent flue in the terra cotta partition at the Acid Laboratory room in second story of said building. The said flue is indicated on Drawing No. 102 but is not noted "New" as is done in other cases where the present contractor is required to place flues. The said flue was not put in place under the former contract as it was marked "abandoned" on Drawing No. 5 1/2 A which made modifications of flues under said previous contract, and it seems just that the present contractor should be allowed extra compensation for said work, notwithstanding the specification instructed him to visit the building and compare the work in place with the drawings before submitting his proposal, and as the new flues were generally so marked I have asked him to submit a proposal for the new flue in this case. There is a 24" x 24" vent to be run from the ceiling of said room which may answer for ventilation there and if so the said flue may be abandoned as was intended at the time Drawing No. 5 1/2 A was prepared. The work now required to place said flue includes cutting out the terra cotta (which is in such cases very destructive

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and the placing of the galvanized iron flue lining with register box and outlet, after which the terra cotta partition is to be reconstructed and repaired, so that the amount of the proposal is reasonable, and if this vent is required in addition to the ceiling ventilation, I recommend the acceptance of the proposal.

Respectfully,

Lee Vallery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 26, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Tayler,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a proposal in amount Forty-two Dollars (\$42.00) from Messrs. S. Faith & Co., contractors for Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators) for the Mint Building in this city, for changes of vent ducts in the attic of said building as indicated by my letter of the 25th instant, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, which changes are necessary in order to permit access to the roof scuttles as provided by Drawings Nos. 103 and 124, which require the moving of the ladders from the corridors to the opposite sides of the partitions.

As the proposal is reasonable I recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 26, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a proposal in amount Thirty-four Dollars (\$34.00) from Messrs. S. Faith & Co., contractors for Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators) of the Mint Building in this city for additional conduit and wire in accordance with your letter (initial J. C. P.) of the 11th ultimo and my letter of the 15th ultimo, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

Lee Ulley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 26, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Co.,

Denver, Colo.,

Gentlemen;

I have to request that you furnish me a proposal stating the amount you will deduct from the sum to be paid you under your contract for Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city for supplying and placing flush front furnaces in lieu of extended fronts as now required by your contract.

Respectfully,

Lee Uhler
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 26, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 23rd instant, directing me to obtain from Messrs. S. Faith & Co., contractors for Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, a proposal for substituting flush front furnaces in lieu of extended fronts, and in reply will say that I have requested the contractors to submit a proposal for said change, which will be forwarded to you upon its receipt.

Respectfully,

Lee Vallery

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 26, 1908.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a proposal, in amount One hundred and eighteen Dollars, (\$118.00) from Messrs. S. Faith & Co., contractors for Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators) for the Mint Building in this city for the gongs, batteries, additional wiring &c. as requested in your letter (initial J. C. P.) of the 13th ultimo and my letter of the 18th ultimo, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 26, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a proposal in amount Two hundred eighty-three Dollars (\$283.00) from Messrs. S. Faith & Co., contractors for Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators) for the Mint Building in this city, for the additional wiring &c. for lights along the new plank walks over furred ceilings of first and second stories in said building, as indicated by my letter of the 12th ultimo and Drawings Nos. 1 and 2, copies of which were forwarded to you with my letter of the 22nd ultimo, forwarding Mr. J. A. McGonigle's proposal for the plank walks referred to.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 27, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial F. B. W.) of the 23rd instant, enclosing copy of letter of same date addressed to Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building in this city informing him of approval of shop drawings for ornamental iron work (numbered 198 to 202 inclusive) a set of which drawings has also been received and placed on file in this office for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Allen

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 27, 1905.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 24th instant, permitting the contractor for interior finish to use the approved samples of hardware for the Mint Building in this city, provided a record of where each of the samples is placed is preserved by me.

I also note that the faces of axle pulleys should be real bronze to match other hardware in place.

Respectfully,

Lee Ullery

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 29, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 26th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date addressed to Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor, for completion (except certain vaults, plumbing etc.) of the Mint Building in this city, accepting his proposal, in amount Seventy eight Dollars and Thirty cents, (\$78.30.) for changing exterior door to engine room as indicated on Drawing No. 140; and authorizing me to certify and issue vouchers in payment for the work. Respectfully,

Respectfully,

Lee Ullery

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., June 29, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect, Treasury Department,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G. W. D.) of the 25th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of same date, addressed to Mr. J. A. McGonigle, contractor for completion (except certain vaults, plumbing etc.) of the Mint Building in this city, accepting his proposal, in amount Twenty-eight Dollars and fifty cents (\$28.50.) for placing terra cotta fire-proofing over Vault B - C, and authorizing me to certify and issue vouchers in payment for the work.

Respectfully,

Lee Willey

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado,

June 30th,

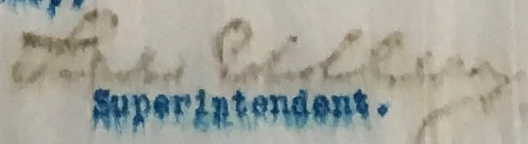
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The character of work done is satisfactory. Work on approach walls under Mr. J. A. McGonigle's contract is now being delayed considerably by slow progress on the artesian well. He contemplates starting the work of plastering within a week or ten days. Work of plumbing, electric wire conduits, etc., under S. Faith & Co.'s contract, is progressing as rapidly as possible under the disadvantages due to changes of interior iron work and terra cotta work.

The number of mechanics employed is as follows: 3 bricklayers, 12 iron workers, 1 painter, 3 lathers, 1 stone mason, 20 granite cutters, 1 plumber, 1 steam fitter, 4 electricians and 20 laborers and helpers.

Respectfully,


 Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 1st, 1903.

The Honorable L.M. Shaw,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial F.) of December 24th, 1902, informing me of the appointment of Mr. Herbert D. Bartlett, as Watchman at the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge, for a probationary period of six months from date of oath (which was January 1, 1903), I have now to inform you that Mr. Bartlett has served said probationary term, his conduct and capacity have been satisfactory and I recommend his retention in the service; and in order that the matter may be made satisfactory, I have had the oath of office administered to him on this date, as indicated by the certificate herewith enclosed, which action I trust is satisfactory.

Respectfully,

Lee V. ...

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 2nd, 1903.

To the
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th (initial E.A.C.), I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators), embraced in a contract with S. Faith & Company, has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The work of installing the heating and ventilating apparatus and the plumbing, is advancing satisfactorily.

The work of sinking the artesian well is suspended on account of breaking off a reamer in the hole. An effort is being made to remove the reamer.

The work of installing the electric wire conduits is progressing satisfactorily.

No other portions of the Mechanical Equipment have been installed.

Respectfully,

M. S. Thompson
Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and
Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the
Superintendent of Construction.

Wm. H. H. H.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 3rd, 1903.

Mr. James A. Wetmore,

Acting Chief Executive Officer,

Office of the Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initials P.) of the 30th ultimo giving information relative to the use of the new form of voucher to be issued to contractors for work on the Mint Building, in this city, performed prior to July 1st, and in reply will state that vouchers will be prepared in accordance with the instructions given.

Respectfully,

Lee M. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 6th, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F.B.W.) of the 1st instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, informing them of the approval of working drawings of ash hoist, copies of which drawings (H-214 and H-215) have also been received and placed on file.

The dimensions of the opening through the top of the ash pit are figured on drawing H-214 as 5'0" x 3'6", whereas the dimensions, as given on drawing No. 128 for work under contract, are 3'6" x 3'6", and I have to ask whether it is desired that any change shall be made in said dimensions.

Respectfully,

W. C. C. C.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 6th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of constructing the concrete walls around the basement storage vault in the Mint Building, in this city, which work is included in Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract of Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), I wish to say that Mr. McGonigle is very anxious to put in place the concrete walls at once instead of waiting until the steel vault lining is put in place which would probably not be until the coming winter or next spring and which would delay his work of finishing the basement until probably the latter part of next year.

Mr. F. E. Healy, Engineer in Charge of Denver Mint Equipment, was with us last week and conferred in regard to the matter and was very anxious to have the wall on the south side of the said vault completed as early as possible in order that the engines and generating plant could be put in place within the next few months as the same is under contract.

I therefore conferred with Mr. Garretson, the representative of the Disbold Safe and Lock Company, relative to the possibility of

placing the steel lining in said storage vault after the walls are completed. He accordingly wrote to the Diebold Safe and Lock Company who have replied to his letter as indicated by the enclosed letter of the 3rd instant; and, as it would seem practicable to secure the work with inside screws as provided in other portions of the vault work and permit the completion of Mr. McDonigle's work in the basement within the contract time, I recommend that permission be granted the Diebold Safe and Lock Company to construct the lining of said storage vault by the use of inside screws in lieu of riveting, if it is possible to make the work first class by such a method.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. H. H.
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 8th, 1943.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to the slow progress in drilling the artesian well at the Mint Building, in this city, under your contract for the Mechanical Equipment, I have to inform you that it is considered inadvisable to permit, beyond the 12th instant, the present experimental efforts to remove the piping, etc., now fast; and, in accordance with paragraph 32 of the specification for your work, which states "The work shall be under the direct supervision of the Superintendent of Construction, who will also direct the manner of work to prevent interference with other contracts", I have to direct that if the said piping now fast in the well has not been removed by the date mentioned, you should have the boring machinery removed from its present position so as to permit the construction of the walls of the well room, coal vault, etc., which work is being delayed.

I have also to advise that you proceed to place the piping beneath the basement floor, driveway, sidewalk, etc., as required by your contract, without further delay in order that the basement floor, paving driveway, sidewalk, etc., may be put in place by the contractor for the interior finish, approaches, etc., of the building.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 9th, 1903.

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Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th, initials "E.A.C.", I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators), embraced in a contract with S. Faith and Company, has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

The work of installing the heating and ventilating apparatus and the electric wire conduits is advancing satisfactorily.

The work of installing the plumbing and outside drainage system is not progressing satisfactorily, and the contractors have been directed by the Superintendent of Construction to push the work to a speedy completion.

The work of sinking the artesian well has been suspended owing to the fact that the rammer and a portion of the piping are fast at a depth of 500 feet. The contractors have been endeavoring for the past four weeks to remove the obstruction but have so far been unsuccessful, and there is no prospect of their efforts being successful.

The building of the coal vault, well room and ash vault should be commenced in the near future in order that same may be completed prior

to freezing weather, and said work cannot be commenced until the drilling machinery has been removed.

Under authority granted by paragraph No. 32 of the specification for the Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators), the Superintendent of Construction, after conference with myself, notified S. Faith & Company that they will not be permitted to begin drilling a new well (should the present well be abandoned) until the coal vault, well room and ash vault walls and floor have been built; and the Superintendent has also notified them that unless the obstruction in the present well is removed by the 13th instant and the work of sinking said well continued, they must abandon said well and remove their drilling machinery.

It would be feasible to drill the artesian well after the walls and the major portion of the floors of the coal vault, well room and ash vault have been built, and I deem the action of the Superintendent of Construction as noted above to be proper and in the best interests of the Government.

Respectfully,

A. S. Thompson
Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and
Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the Superintendent of Construction.

John H. Kelly

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 9th, 1903.

Mr. J. E. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.E.P.) of the 6th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.), of the Mint Building, in this city, in reference to the rejection of a sample of varnish, which latter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Lee Bell
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 11th, 1903.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 7th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc) of the Mint Building, in this city, informing him of the acceptance of his proposal, in amount One Hundred and Twenty-five Dollars (\$125.00), to take out broken marble sill now in place in south window on the west side of the building and replace same with new one, vouchers for which work as an addition to Mr. McGonigle's contract will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Lee B. ...
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 11th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 7th instant, requesting me to call upon Mr. Nelson F. Handy, Custodian of the Post Office and Court House Building, in this city, in reference to certain repairs required in said building as outlined by the blue prints enclosed in your letter, and also directing me to prepare a specification for said repairs and forward the same to your Office for approval, which instructions will be duly complied with.

I have also received two copies of the "General Conditions" enclosed for my guidance, and will read the letters referred to on the said Custodian's files regarding the repairs mentioned.

Respectfully,

Lee Allen
Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 11th, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 8th instant referring to statements made to your Office concerning the progress of work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, and directing me to report regarding the same.

In reply I will state that the said work is being delayed somewhat on account of the conditions existing in connection with the artesian well, which was referred to in Inspector Thompson's report to you on the 9th instant and which I have endeavored to remedy as stated in said letter. We conferred with Mr. F.E. Healy regarding the same during his visit here, and my action was due to a general understanding among us.

Mr. McGonigle's work in the basement will be delayed somewhat unless he can construct the concrete walls for the storage vault as mentioned in my letter of the 6th instant. In this connection I will say that while we had not overlooked paragraph 5, page 12, of the specification for work under Mr. McGonigle's contract, which states "The inspection pit and concrete work for storage vault may be pushed to completion at once", I did not think it advisable to complete the concrete work above

basement floor line on the south side of the said vault when some riveting was required to be done in putting the vault lining in place, so that I conferred with the representative of the Diebold Safe & Lock Company to so arrange matters that Mr. McGonigle could put in place all the terra cotta walls required at said storage vault, and requested the agent to ask said vault company to make a formal proposal to secure the vault lining from the inside, which I trust they have done and that authority will be given them to do so. If the said walls are completed at this time, which the contractor is ready to do, he can proceed at once to finish the entire basement work.

Vaults E, F, G and H in the first story are to have linings placed by the Diebold Safe and Lock Company before Mr. McGonigle can put in his terra cotta or finish adjoining the same. This fact of itself will delay Mr. McGonigle in completing the first story finish some months after the completion of the vault linings.

Aside from the delays likely to occur in connection with the vaults and artesian well, I see nothing to prevent Mr. McGonigle from completing the work under his contract prior to May, next, unless he is delayed in securing the material for the joinery work, marble finish or enameled brick, as approximately all the remainder of the material is on hand or can be obtained immediately upon demand. Mr. McGonigle is out of the city to-day, but expected back on Monday and after his return I will confer with him regarding obtaining material to complete his contract and the probability of his finishing the contract on time, which I think he will do unless delayed on account of the vault construction.

I am unable to ascertain from the Diebold Safe & Lock Company's representative here any information as to the probable time when they will complete their work of vault linings, etc.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 13th, 1908.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 9th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date, accepting the proposal of Mr. James A. McGonigle, in amount \$40.00, as an addition to his contract for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, to furnish and place galvanized iron vent flue in terra cotta partition at the Acid Laboratory room in the second story of said building as indicated on drawing No. 102, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Kelley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 13th, 1905.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 9th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date, accepting the proposal of Mr. James A. McGonigle, in amount \$49.00, as an addition to his contract for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, to furnish and place galvanized iron vent flue in terra cotta partition at the Acid Laboratory room in the second story of said building as indicated on drawing No. 102, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Lee M. Hays
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 13, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 9th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of S. Faith & Company, as an addition to their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, in amount \$42.00, for making certain changes and alterations in the vent flues in said building, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Lawrence A. Kelley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U.S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 14th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J. K. P.) of the 9th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, informing him of the approval of sample of mosaic submitted for use under his contract, which sample has also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee S. Bell
Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 15th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 11th instant, enclosing copy of letter from the Acting Director of the Mint recommending that a door be cut through the partition between the Superintendent's private office and the Chief Clerk's office on the first floor of the Mint Building, in this city, and in accordance with your instructions I have this day requested Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of said building, to furnish me a proposal for placing said door, which will be forwarded to your Office with my definite recommendation as soon as it has been received.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 15th, 1903.

Mr. James A. McConigle,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I have to request that you will furnish me a proposal stating the amount, in addition to your contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, for which you will put in place a door in the partition between the Chief Clerk's room and the Superintendent's private office in the first story of said building, the said door to be similar in size, style, etc., to door B at the passageway connecting the Superintendent's office and the Superintendent's private office, and the doorway to be on line with the two doorways at said passageway.

I have also to request that you state the amount to be deducted from your contract if permitted to omit door B' (and the hardware for the same) from the Cashier's room to his closet, the jambs, trim, etc., to be furnished, placed and finished as now required by the contract.

Respectfully,

Lee Whelan
Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colo.

July 15th,

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Completed

20% "

None

Not begun

60% completed

25% "

Not begun

90% completed

5% completed

Not begun

17% completed

Not begun

" "

" "

(Fireproof) Completed

Not begun

12 1/2% completed

27% "

Not begun

The character of work done is satisfactory. Work on the approach walls under Mr. J. A. McGonigle's contract is being delayed by the artesian well, but it is expected that work on the wall will be suspended in a few days until the walls mentioned are completed.

The work on electric wire conduits, heating piping, etc., is progressing satisfactorily, but the drain pipes for plumbing should be put in place at this time, and the contractors, S. Faith & Co. have been directed in writing to hasten said work.

The number of mechanics employed is as follows: 3 bricklayers, 12 iron workers, 1 painter, 5 lathers, 1 stone mason, 20 granite cutters, 1 plumber, 1 steam fitter, 4 electricians, 6 plasterers and 30 laborers and helpers.

Respectfully,

W. H. Kelley
Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colorado, July 16th, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F. A.W.) of the 11th instant advising me that the dimensions of opening through roof of ash pit of the Mint Building, in this city, must conform to the dimensions given on drawing H-214, to suit the ash hoist approved, and that the work of enlargement is to be performed by S. Faith and Co., contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of said building, which work will be done in accordance with your instructions.

Respectfully,



Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 16th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

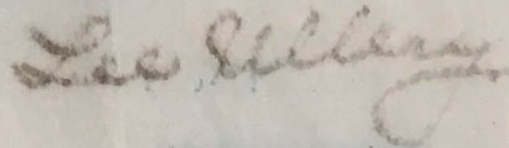
Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J. C.P.) of the 11th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr. James A. McGonigle, in amount \$172.00, as an addition to his contract of Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) Mint Building, in this city, for additional copper condensation gutters under skylight of said building, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,



Superintendent.

Office of
Superintendent of Construction,

U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 17th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial F.B. W.) of the 14th instant enclosing certain correspondence relative to the dimensions of the traveling crane for engine room of the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge, and instructing me to see that the width of the engine room is kept, as near as possible, to 28'10" in the clear, which instructions will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 18th, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,

Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Referring to inquiries of Mr. Olcott, relative to windows, etc., for work under your contract of Completion, etc., Mint Building in this city, I will state that the partial exterior elevation of window "C", indicated near the lower right hand corner of drawing #114 of your contract set, is incorrect, as said windows will be constructed without mullions as elsewhere shown.

Concerning the question of pivoted sash, etc., I will state that full size detail sheets govern in preference to scale details, and the work should correspond with full size details and the specification.

Respectfully,

Lee Vallery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 20th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 16th instant enclosing copy of letter of the same date addressed to the Diebold Safe & Lock Company relative to placing the steel lining of the basement storage vault of the Mint Building, in this city, and authorizing me to direct Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of said building to construct the concrete walls of said vault without delay and to hasten other basement work under his contract, and in reply will state that I have instructed Mr. McGonigle as directed and also as to the necessity of care regarding the proper lines of his finished work in order to permit the placing of the lining as shown on the drawing.

As stated in my letter of the 11th instant, I have conferred with Mr. McGonigle since his return to the building concerning the time of completion of the work under his contract and he informs me that the enameled brick will be ordered immediately and can be delivered within six weeks, and that the marble work will be placed and completed by November of this year. The joinery work will be furnished and placed by the middle of winter, except where the placing of said work is delayed on account of the construction of vaults E, F, G and H, the lining of which is in another con-

tract and must be placed before Mr. McGonigle constructs his terra
cotta partition enclosing the same. So that from a careful review of
his arrangements, I am satisfied that he will complete all work in
his contract by May 4th, 1904, unless hindered by the vault work as
stated.

Respectfully,

Wm. B. B.

Superintendent.

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OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 20th, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

In the matter of constructing the concrete walls around the storage vault in the Mint Building, in this city, under your contract of Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.), I have to inform you that the Supervising Architect authorizes me to direct you to proceed with the same as the contractors for the vault lining have been authorized to so construct the said vault that it may be placed after the walls are completed, and you are urged to proceed at once with all the basement work included in your contract and especially the enameled brick work, etc., of the engine room.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 20th, 1903.

Denver Colo., July 20th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 17th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of S. Faith & Company, as an addition to their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building in this city, in amount \$34.00, to install a 1 1/4" conduit, with #4 B & S gauge conductor running from junction box A-8 on power circuit #18 to a point about 5'0" above heater room floor, etc., vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 20th, 1903.

The Diebold Safe & Lock Company,

Canton, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of a copy of letter of the 16th instant from the Supervising Architect, addressed to you and authorizing you to put in place the lining of the storage vault in the basement of the Mint Building, in this city, after the completion of the concrete walls enclosing the same, and as the construction and placing of the vault linings in the first story must be completed before the contractor for the interior finish can put in place the terra cotta partitions and other finish, it would be of considerable advantage to him if you can proceed with your work on vaults E, F, G & M so as to place them at an early date, and I will thank you to inform me at what date it will be possible and agreeable to you to put in place the lining of each of said vaults.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 20th, 1903.

Denver Colo., July 20th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 11th instant, I requested Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, to submit a proposal stating the amount, in addition to his contract, for which he would put in place a door between the Superintendent's private office and the Chief Clerk's room in said building (a copy of my letter of the 15th instant is inclosed herewith), and in response have received the inclosed proposal, in amount, \$55.00, for said work.

The partition at said place has been constructed and plastered, both sides, necessitating more work than if the doorway had been prepared at the time of building the partition, which increases the price per door, (amount \$35.00) given in Mr. McGonigle's original proposal, and, as the amount for the entire work, including cutting the partition, etc., is reasonable, I recommend acceptance of the proposal.

The Cashier at the Old Mint building, in this city, advised leaving off the door to the closet in the Cashier's room in order to

Contractor,
First Building,
Denver, Colo., July 20th, 1903.

prevent employees in his division entering the closet and concealing
valuables when the door is closed, and Mr. F. E. Jally, Engineer in Charge
Denver Mint Equipment, recommended the same, so that I have asked the
contractor to state the amount he would deduct if the door and hard-
ware are omitted. His amount is \$20.00, which is reasonable, and if
you consider it advisable to omit said door, I recommend the acceptance
of his proposal.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 21st, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In compliance with instructions in your letter (initial J. C.P.) of May 6th, last, I forward you to-day, under separate cover, two quarts of Colorado Portland cement for test, said cement having been taken from a supply just received for use under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city.

A test has been made of the fineness of this cement and it meets that requirement of the specification.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Barry

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 21, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J. C. P.) of the 16th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date, accepting the proposal of S. Faith & Company, in amount two hundred and eighty-three dollars (\$283.00), as an addition to their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint building, in this city, for additional wiring and electric outlets for lights along new planks over furred ceilings of first and second stories of said building, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Law. G. G. G.

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building

Denver, Colo., July 21, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J. C.P.) of the 18th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of S. Faith & Company, in amount \$118.00, as an addition to their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, for gongs, batteries, additional wiring, etc., vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Kelly
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 23, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 11th ultimo, I requested Mr. James A. McGonigle to submit a proposal stating the amount, in addition to his contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.,) of the Mint Building, in this city, for which he would construct the closet over vault M in the Cashier's room in said building, provide doors, metal stairway, etc., as shown on drawing #205 (a copy of my letter of the 15th ultimo being herewith enclosed), and in response thereto, I have obtained the enclosed proposal, in amount \$550.00, for said work, and as the furred ceiling for same is already in place and must be removed, etc., I consider the proposal reasonable and recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Lee S. Giddens

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 24, 1903.

To the Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th, initials "E.A.C.",
I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment
(except engines and generators), embraced in a contract with S. Faith &
Company, has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agree-
ment.

The work of installing the heating and ventilating apparatus
and electric wire conduits is advancing satisfactorily.

The work of installing the plumbing and drainage system is be-
ing delayed unnecessarily, but S. Faith & Co.'s representative promises
to put on additional force to place the drain pipes, etc., in order to
avoid delay of work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract in the base-
ment floors, driveway, etc.

The work of sinking the artesian well has been stopped and
the machinery removed in order to permit the contractor to put in place
the coal vault walls, etc., but it is the intention to resume said work
as soon as the walls and beams are placed.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and
Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the
Superintendent of Construction.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 25th, 1903.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 21st instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, to substitute, without additional cost to the Government, hard Alberene stone in lieu of the granite specified, for the floors of Refinery and Refinery Drying Room in the second story of said building.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Col., July 25, 1903.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 22nd instant enclosing copy of letter of the 9th instant from Mr. F. A. Healy, Engineer in Charge, Denver Mint Equipment, relative to certain additional conduits, etc., and I have requested Messrs J. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, to submit a proposal for said additional work as directed in your letter.

Respectfully,

L. C. Webb
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Col., July 25, 1903.

Messrs. S. Falth & Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I have to request that you will furnish me a proposal stating the amount, in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, for which you will put in place a 2" conduit to extend from pole at back of building to the telephone room on mezzanine floor in said building; then a 3/4" conduit from telephone room to the side wall of corridor between the Superintendent's main office and private office, the outlet box in said passageway to be placed four feet above floor on the vault side of the corridor, the 2" conduit to carry the following wires: Two each, Western Union call box; Western Union time clock wires; vault protection wires; Postal Telegraph call box; fire alarm outside wires; police call outside wires, and the 3/4" conduit to carry two wires each for Western Union and Postal call boxes located in the passageway above referred to. An 8" pipe is now in place through the south wall of the building, through which the 2" conduit may be placed.

Respectfully,

[Signature]
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., July 25, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J. C.P.) of the 22nd instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, informing him of the approval of samples of wrought iron and bronze for use under said contract, which samples have also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Col., July 25th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J. C.P.) of the 22nd instant enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, informing him of the approval of samples of terrazzo and enameled brick submitted for use under his contract, which samples have also been received and placed on file for my guidance during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee Valley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 27, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter (initial J. C. P.) of the 24th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, relative to the use of Wilcox hangers in connection with said contract, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Col., July 28, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial L.) of the 7th instant and as stated in my letter of the 11th instant, I called upon Mr. Nelson P. Handy, Custodian of the Court House & Post Office Building, in this city, relative to certain repairs and changes in said building, and have prepared a specification for the same as outlined by blue print forwarded to you on February 28th, last, and returned to me for reference with your letter above referred to.

I have also had new sketches prepared to show the proposed work more clearly than the small scale blue print referred to, and I forward to you herewith a copy of the specification together with three tracings which have been numbered 1, 2 and 3, and I also return to you the blue print already mentioned.

By utilizing the wainscot, floor tiling, doors, etc., removed, and placing the same in the new locations as specified, I estimate the cost of the work \$4,500. instead of \$5,500., as stated in my letter of February 28th, last.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 30th, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 27th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date addressed to The Diebold Safe and Lock Company accepting their proposal to deduct the sum of \$40.00 from the amount to be paid them under their contract re- Safety Vaults, &c., Mint Building, in this city, for the omission of certain decorative painting on vault doors E, F, G and H and on the storage vault in the basement of said building, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 31st, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (Initial J.C.P.) of the 28th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, accepting his proposal, in amount \$35.00, as an addition to his contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint building, in this city, for placing door between the Superintendent's private office and Chief Clerk's room, complete, in said building, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

James A. McGonigle
Superintendent.

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

July 31st,

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Completed	Not begun
22% "	20% completed
None	Not begun
Not begun	" "
60% completed	" "
35% "	(Fireproof) Completed
Not begun	Not begun
95% completed	17% completed
6% "	65% completed
	Not begun.

The character of work done by Messrs. S. Faith & Company, under contract for the Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators) and by Mr. James A. McGonigle, under contract for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the building, is satisfactory in each case and the work is progressing rapidly, except that the drainage system, etc., under Faith & Company is the same as reported to you on the 15th instant.

The number of mechanics employed is as follows: 5 bricklayers, 12 ironworkers, 1 painter, 5 lathers, 1 stonemason, 30 granite cutters, 6 plasterers, 1 plumber, 1 steam fitter, 10 electricians and 30 laborers and helpers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 31st, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial S.) of the 28th instant enclosing copy of report dated the 23rd instant from Mr. J. P. Bergin, Vault, Safe & Lock Expert, relative to progress made by The Diebold Safe & Lock Co., Canton, Ohio, in the construction of the burglar proof vaults for the Mint Building, in this city, and requesting me to state the sequence in which it is desired that the vaults should be finished and placed.

Replying to the same will say that the order stated in said report for the completion of the vaults, namely, E, F, G, M and then the basement storage vault last, is considered best, and in this the contractor for the interior finish, Mr. James A. McGonigle, concurs, but it is hoped that vaults E and F can both be completed by November 1st in order to permit him to construct the walls, finish the plastering, stair work, marble work, etc., adjoining the same before cold weather, and vaults G and M can be completed later without interfering so seriously with the work under his contract.

The doors and vestibules for vaults A, B-C, D, H, K and L (which vaults have already been constructed) can be put in place in December or

January, next, without interfering with any other work in the building, although the plastering, etc., will be finished ready to receive said doors, etc., by October first.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., July 31st, 1903.

To the

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th, initials "E.A.C.", I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment (except engines and generators) embraced in a contract with S. Faith & Company has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

About 20% of the plumbing, about 17% of the heating and ventilating apparatus and about 55% of the electric wire conduits have been installed.

The work of installing the plumbing and drainage system is being delayed, but S. Faith & Company state they will put on an additional force within a short time and push the work to a speedy completion.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and
Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the
Superintendent of Construction.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 1st, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of construction of vestibules, etc., fireproof vaults H & K put in place by Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) Mint Building, in this city. I have to enquire whether the rivets inside the vaults around the vestibule are intended to be countersunk, as shown and noted on drawing M-12, forming part of his contract set. The said vault linings when delivered at the building were not countersunk for said rivets, and I required said work to be done which the sub-contractors for the work have said was unnecessary.

It appears to me from the fact that the Diebold Safe & Lock Company is to furnish and place the vestibules and inner doors for said vaults and their work is to conform to drawing M-12, it would require the countersinking of said rivets, as stated on the drawing, and I therefore required said work to be done accordingly.

Respectfully,

John K. Taylor
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 1st, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of concrete foundations for the oil tanks to be put in place north of the coal vault at the Mint Building, in this city, I have to state that said concrete work will be put in place within the next few weeks by Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc) of said building, and I was informed by Mr. F. E. Healy, Engineer in Charge of Denver Mint Equipment, at the time of his recent visit here, that said tanks could probably be furnished and put in place as soon as needed. I would therefore suggest that a request be made to have said oil tanks delivered and placed as soon as possible, as the concrete foundations for the same will be ready by the end of the present month.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 3rd, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 30th ultimo, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint building, in this city, regarding certain samples submitted by him for use under said contract, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 4th, 1903.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have the honor to request leave of absence for thirty days, beginning the 16th instant.

During the present year I have not had leave of absence.

Respectfully,

Richard D. Bartlett

Watchman.

Respectfully recommended,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 6th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to my letter of June 16th, last, forwarding proposal, in amount \$1,095., from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, to substitute hard Alberene stone for marble in the Assayer's, Furnace and Acid Laboratory rooms in second floor of said building, the contractor desires to be informed of your decision as early as possible in order that he may instruct either his sub-contractor for marble work or Alberene stone to proceed with the work, and I will therefore thank you to advise me in regard to the same at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 7, 1903.

To the
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to instructions dated April 11th, initials "E.A.C.",
I have the honor to submit herewith my report.

The work in place forming part of the Mechanical Equipment
(except engines and generators), embraced in a contract with S. Faith &
Company, has been installed in accordance with the terms of the agree-
ment.

About 20% of the plumbing, heating and ventilating apparatus
and about 75% of the electric wire conduits have been installed.

The work of installing the plumbing and drainage system in
the basement has been begun and will be expedited as much as possible.

Respectfully,

Inspector, Heating, Hoisting and
Ventilating Apparatus.

Forwarded through the
Superintendent of Construction.

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 10, 1903.

W. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 7th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr. James A. McGonigle, in amount \$550.00, as an addition to his contract of Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, in this city, for constructing closet over vault M in Cashier's room, complete, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 10, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I will thank you to state the amount, in addition to your contract for the Completion, &c., Mint Building, in this city, for which you will furnish and put in place seven (7) registers in the attic story of said building, as follows: 2 registers, each 10" x 16", and 1 register 14" x 21" in the ceiling of Locker Room; 1 register, 27" x 12" in ceiling of Sewing Room; 1 register, 18" x 12" in ceiling of Electricians Repair and Storage Room; 1 register, 24" x 18" in ceiling of Blacksmith's Shop, and 1 register 24" x 18" in the terra cotta wall in the storage room for Assayer and Distilling Apparatus. The furred down ceilings to be framed by 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" angles, securely bolted in place where the registers are in the ceilings. The galvanized iron register boxes now in place to be wired and provided with copper clips as provided for register boxes under your contract, and the registers to be of design to match those put in place elsewhere in the building.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 10, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

As directed in your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 22nd ultimo, I requested Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint building, in this city, to submit a proposal for furnishing and placing a 2" conduit, etc. (a copy of my letter is herewith enclosed), and in response to said request have received the enclosed proposal in amount \$354.00, dated the 7th instant, for said work; and referring to the same will say that as Mr. Thompson, Inspector, is sick, I have been unable to confer with him fully regarding the value of said work, but the proposal would seem excessive and I submit it for your consideration and decision in the matter.

It will be necessary to cut a hole through the concrete foundation of the retaining wall south of the building in order to carry the conduit to the poles in the alley and in the building, and some plastering must be removed and repaired where the brown coats have already been applied, which items are of course to be taken into consideration as matters of expense in connection with this additional work.

Respectfully,


Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 12, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I have to request that you will state the amount, in addition to your contract for the Completion, &c., of the Mint Building, in this city, for which you will put in place furring and expanded metal lath on the soffit of rafters exposed in the light well of said building, and plaster on same in lieu of plastering on the book title as required by your contract, the furring to consist of 1"x 1" Tees or 3/4"x 3/4" steel bars as you prefer, in either case to be spaced not more than 16 inches on centers.

I will thank you also to state as a separate item the amount for which you will paint all the exposed iron work in the ceiling of said light well and all iron work above same beneath the skylight, including the wire screens beneath the glass, giving the same two coats of best white lead and linseed oil paint, finished a clear white.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 12, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I forward to you herewith a letter of the 11th instant from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, making inquiry relative to the plastering of walls above the large ceiling light of the building, which work is noted "Cement plaster" on drawing No. 103 forwarded to me from your Office on October 30th, last, and I request additional instructions in the matter in order that I may properly direct the contractor how to proceed with the work.

The specification for Mr. McGonigle's work, paragraph 3, page 29, requires the light shafts to be plastered with cement, but the contractor understood the term "Light Shaft" to apply only to the light walls above Colner's Room and Transfer Room, as noted on drawings #102 and 109, and in my opinion the walls referred to, if plastered with hard plaster (the Buckhorn wall plaster being used, makes a finish practically as hard as cement) finished with a white coat, will be more effective in reflecting light, etc. than plaster of Portland cement which will not be a clear white.

Respectfully,

Superintendent

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 12, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Would it not be advisable to put in place electric lights on the various platforms of the two rear stairs in the Mint Building, in this city, to be operated on separate circuit controlled from each platform independently of the corridor lights, as it would appear that said stairways will be somewhat dark as now arranged; and I have also to ask whether it would be advisable to provide electric lights in the Gas Generating Room and Blower Room shown on drawing #137. In case it is advisable to provide said lights, it might be well to obtain a proposal for the same prior to plastering of walls along stairs, etc.

Respectfully,

Lee E. H. ...
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 12, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I will thank you to state the amount, in addition to your contract of Completion, &c., Mint Building, in this city, for which you will furnish and put in place $7/8$ " diameter tie rods in the steel framing over the new portions of the Coal Vault, Ash Room, Well Room, Gas Generating Room and Blower Room, indicated on drawings # 128 and 137, one line of said tie rods to be placed along center line of each span of beams, provided with nuts, etc., properly put in place.

Respectfully,

W. H. Bell
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 13, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Chief Executive Officer, Office of Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have to request authority to make an expenditure of Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$4.50) for the purchase of twenty gallons of coal oil for use in the temporary office at the Mint Building, in this city, under my charge.

Respectfully,

Lee S. Kelley
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 14, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith two proposals from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, one, in amount \$188.00, for furring and lathing portion of the roof rafters for plastering over ceiling light space, and one in amount \$255.00 for painting the exposed rafters, girders and iron work beneath skylight, as requested in my letter of the 12th instant, a copy of which is also herewith enclosed.

Both proposals are reasonable considering the amount of scaffolding, etc., necessary for the painting, and as the bolts which were used in securing the roof deck outlookers are exposed beneath and will interfere with plastering on the book-tile, and as some efflorescence would be encountered in plastering and likely prevent a satisfactory job of work if the plastering is applied directly to the book-tile, I consider it advisable to furr and lath the soffits of the rafters, and as the iron work exposed beneath skylight is now painted red and it would appear that white paint would be more effective in reflecting the light, I have asked the contractor to submit said proposals, which I recommend be accepted.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

August 15th, 3

Completed	Not begun
28% "	20% completed
None	Not begun
Just begun	" "
65% completed	" "
50% "	(Fireproof) Completed
Not begun	Not begun
95% completed	20% completed
30% "	55% completed
	Not begun.

The character of work done by Messrs S. Faith & Company, under contract for Mechanical Equipment, &c., and by Mr. James A. McGonigle, under contract for the Completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of the building, is satisfactory. Progress of work under Mr. McGonigle's contract is satisfactory.

The number of mechanics employed is as follows: 6 bricklayers, 18 ironworkers, 1 painter, 5 lathers, 1 stonemason, 30 granite cutters, 6 plasterers, 2 plumbers, 1 steam fitter, 10 electricians and 40 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 15, 1903.

Mr. J. R. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to the matter of pipe sleeves through the walls of the Mint Building, in this city, where piping is to be put in place under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of said building, and paragraph #606 of the specification for their work which requires "Openings for the passage of pipes through walls to be provided with sleeves of cast or wrought iron, not less than 2" in diameter larger than the pipe, etc.", which paragraph is under Section II (Steam Power Plant, etc.), I have not been able to find any statement relative to pipe sleeves where the drain pipes pass through the basement wall, as indicated on drawing P-75, and I have to inquire whether it is intended that Messrs. S. Faith & Company shall put in place pipe sleeves in said basement wall and in other portions of the building where pipes are put in place under their contract.

Respectfully,

Leo C. ...
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U.S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 17, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department., Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial L.A.S.) of the 14th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, advising them relative to certain details for the elevator plant of said building, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 17th, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I desire to know the required width between the terra cotta walls along the south line of Toilet Room No. 6 in the attic of the Mint Building, in this city, namely, the space occupied by the seven water closet stalls, the space as scaled (no figures being given) being 21'8", and I have had the work done accordingly, or approximately so, as owing to the irregularity of the terra cotta it figures 21'9" nearly. The width of the stalls indicated on drawing P-183 and also on P-185 (being detail for marble work in said toilet room) would indicate the width of stalls from center to center of partitions to be 21'9". No figures are given for said work as are given elsewhere, and if the width of the stalls is to be as scaled, it would appear that 21'9" is correct. The marble work, of course, is to be gotten out according to measurements taken at the building, and I desire to know whether the dimensions, as I have required the work to be done, are correct.

Respectfully,

Lee C. ...
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 18, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have to request information relative to base-skirting required in the Strip Annealing Room in the attic of the Mint Building, in this city, in order that I may properly instruct Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of said building, regarding the same. Drawing No. 103 requires "Granolithic floor not in this contract". No mention is made of base-skirting, whereas, in the adjoining rooms, the base is granolithic.

In cases where the contractor is to finish rooms, etc., including flooring and no mention is made on the drawings as to the kind of skirting, I have directed the contractor to put in wood skirting, as required by paragraph 4, page 35, of the specification for Mr. McGonigle's work, which calls for wood base in the finished portions of the building where wainscot or other finish is not required, notwithstanding the fact that the floors in some cases are granolithic, as for instance, in the northwest corner room of the attic. I desire to know whether said paragraph calling for wood base is to apply in such cases and also whether the contractor is to put in place any skirting, and if so, what kind, in the Strip Annealing Room where the floor is not in his contract.

Respectfully,

Superintendent

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 18, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 15th instant in reference to proposal from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, in amount \$354.00, for placing certain electrical conduits in connection with their contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, and informing me that said proposal appears to be unreasonable and directing that I request the said contractors to submit a revised proposal more in keeping in amount with the work to be performed, which instructions have this day been complied with.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Allen
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,
U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 18, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to your proposal of the 7th instant, in amount \$334.00, for placing a 2 inch conduit from the back of the building to telephone room, etc. on mezzanine floor of the Mint Building, in this city, as requested in my letter of the 25th ultimo, I have to state that the Supervising Architect by letter of the 15th instant directs me to inform you that said proposal appears unreasonable in amount and to request you to submit a revised proposal in amount more in keeping with the actual work to be performed, and I would be pleased to have you take this matter up at your earliest convenience and forward me a proposal as requested.

The Supervising Architect also states that your present contract requires openings to be put in both building and retaining walls for conduits now under your contract, and that this 2 inch conduit should be run in the same openings so as to avoid the expense of cutting the said walls for placing the new conduit. You may, if you prefer, place the conduit in the 8 inch pipe sleeve through the south wall of the building, as stated in my letter of July 25th.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF Construction,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 19, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I have to ask whether I shall direct Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment, Mint Building, in this city, to cut a chase for the 4 inch down spout in the east wall of toilet room No. 1 in the basement of said building and also for the 4 inch soil pipe in the north wall of said toilet room in order to permit said pipes to be run down behind the marble wainscot to the required point below the basement floor to connect to the horizontal drain pipes indicated.

Paragraph 30 of the specification for their work directs them to visit the building, etc., and include all labor, etc. necessary to put the work in place as shown, and paragraph 33 requires them to do all cutting and drilling, etc. necessary, yet the drawings for their work do not indicate that the cutting of said chases is required and said information could only be obtained by a visit to the building, as suggested in the specification.

I required the previous contractor for work on this building to prepare said chases about 1 foot below the ceiling line in the basement, as the drain from the down pipe in the east wall and from the soil pipe

in the north wall were to be run near the ceiling, consequently the chases are now to be cut below the basement floor line as stated, and I shall not direct the contractors to perform said work until receiving instructions from you in the matter.

Respectfully,

La. H. King
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF
SUPERINTENDENT OF CONSTRUCTION,

U. S. Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 20, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a proposal, in amount \$133.00, from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of Mint Building, in this city, for furnishing and placing seven registers with clips and preparing the framing of ceilings, etc. in the attic, as per my letter of August 10, a copy of which is also enclosed herewith.

The said registers are indicated on drawing H-85, belonging to the set for the Mechanical Equipment of said building, but are not shown on drawings for Mr. McGonigle's work, and as it appears the contractors for the Mechanical Equipment are not to put said registers in place, I have requested Mr. McGonigle to make a proposal for said work which I consider reasonable, including framing of furred ceilings, copper clips, etc., and I recommend that said proposal be accepted.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Cherry
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 20, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 17th instant, enclosing copy of Department letter of even date accepting the proposal of Mr. James A. McGonigle, in amount \$1,095.00, to substitute hard Alberene stone for marble in the Assayer's Furnace and Acid Laboratory rooms, as an addition to his contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, in this city, vouchers for which work will be issued in accordance with instructions.

Respectfully,

Lee Wiley

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 21st, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a proposal from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of Mint Building, in this city, to construct arches over openings from Coal Vault to Boiler Room in said building, as shown on the enclosed blue print (being a part of drawing #128) without expense to the Government, in lieu of placing the I beams as shown on said drawing.

The proposition was made by Mr. McGonigle when in conversation with me relative to the finish of said openings, and as it would appear to be more durable to construct arches of hard brick and Portland cement, such as we are now using, than to place beams over said openings, which would require so much cutting out of brick work as to affect the stability of arches of coal vault, and as the proposition is reasonable, I recommend its acceptance.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Kelley
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 21, 1903.

Mr. J.K. Tayler,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a proposal, in amount \$ 160.00, dated the 20th instant, from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, for putting in place tie rods in the steel beam construction over Coal Vault, Well Room, etc., as requested in my letter of the 12th instant, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, and, as the proposal is deemed reasonable and as it would appear advisable to place tie rods in said construction, owing to the extent of the work, I recommend that the proposal be accepted.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 21, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

I have to request that you furnish me a statement showing the amount, in addition to your contract of Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, for which you will put in place a 6 inch terra cotta partition extending from the northeast corner of the attic toilet room to the corner of the brick chimney now in place near said corner and which is on the north line of said toilet room, the terra cotta partition to extend from floor to the furrowed ceiling and correspond with other terra cotta work put in place under your contract.

Respectfully,

Lee H. Kelly
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 21, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial G.W.D.) of the 18th instant relative to electric lights on the various platforms of the two rear stairs of the Mint Building, in this city, with instructions that I obtain from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of said building, a proposal for changing lights in the Well Room and placing of additional light brackets in the Gas Generating Room and Blower Room.

In reply, I have to state that I have requested the contractors to submit said proposal which will be forwarded to you as soon as it is received.

Respectfully,

Lee Wiley
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 21, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial L.A.S.) of the 19th instant, relative to concrete foundations for oil tanks to be placed north of Coal Vault, Mint Building, in this city, with information that a contract for the oil tanks will be entered into in the near future.

Respectfully,

W. H. H. H.
Superintendent.

Respect

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 21, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to the matter of painting in the contract for Mechanical Equipment, Mint Building, in this city, and to paragraph 141 of the specification which states "Hangers and supports must be painted, as specified for piping", and to paragraph 253, which requires "All exposed iron or steel piping to be painted", etc., I have to inquire whether this is to be construed as meaning only the exposed portion of hangers and supports are to be painted.

It would seem that as hangers and hooks in all cases (for plumbing and heating apparatus) are black wrought iron, that the same should be painted whether exposed or concealed in walls, ceilings or above the same, whereas, plumbing piping of galvanized iron would likely not need painting where concealed.

Respectfully,

Lee R. Blaney

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 22, 1903.

R. James A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colorado.

Hi:-

I have to request that you furnish me a statement showing the amount, in addition to your contract of Completion, &c., Mint Building, in this city, for which you will put in place a 6 inch terra cotta partition extending from the northeast corner of the attic toilet room to the corner of the brick chimney now in place near said corner and which is on the north line of said toilet room; also the portions of two partitions in attic directly west of the two west vent stacks, extending from the corners of said stacks to the partitions shown hatched on drawing #103, the terra cotta partitions to extend from floor to the underside of roof and correspond with other terra cotta work put in place under your contract.

Respectfully,

John A. McGonigle
Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 22, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,

Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

I have to request that you furnish me a proposal stating the amount, in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, for which you will change the number of lamps in each of the four three-light outlets in Well Room to two lights each, and provide three one-light bracket outlets in the Gas Generating Room and two-light bracket outlet in the Blower Room of said building, connecting the same to circuit #4 from tablet C, the location of brackets to be as shown on the accompanying blue print.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 22, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter (initial L.A.S.) of the 18th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, advising them regarding the approval of certain samples of plumbing hardware, which samples have also been received and placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 22, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial L.A.S.) of the 19th instant in reference to pipe sleeves to be supplied by Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, and advising me that pipe sleeves are required in walls for all pipes under said contract. In reply I have to state that the work will be performed accordingly.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 22, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial L.A.S.) of the 19th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date, addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) Mint Building, in this city, in reference to vault stairs to be supplied in connection with said contract, and I am also in receipt of two prints of drawing #216 showing said work.

Respectfully,

W. H. Lacey
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 22, 1903.

Chas. A. Olcott Planing Mill Co.,
3300 North Broadway, Department of Washington,
St. Louis, Missouri.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of a copy of your letter of May 21st relative to quarter sawed white pine for work under Mr. McGonigle's contract for the Mint Building, in this city, and I have asked the Supervising Architect if he would give permission to use flat grained pine in lieu of quarter sawed yellow pine for doors and windows, and I enclose herewith a detail showing the 1 1/4" Tee let into meeting rail of window sashes.

Mr. McGonigle has decided to use wood cap on the cement wainscot in Repair, Machine and Hardening Room adjoining Machine Shop which would make the wainscot cap wood in both rooms.

Respectfully,

Lee Ellery
Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 22, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

The sub-contractor for the joinery work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, in this city, suggests the use of flat grained pine for doors and windows in the basement in lieu of quarter sawed yellow pine, as the flat grain will show more figure, etc., in the work, and I recommend that permission be given the contractor to use the flat grained pine for the finish in said portions of the work. Paragraph 3, page 33, of the specification requires quarter sawed oak and pine, yet it would seem that this requirement is intended more especially for the white oak than for the white pine.

The contractor is out of the city at present, and I write this letter at the request of the sub-contractor who is to furnish all the joinery work.

Respectfully,

Lie Ellery
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 24, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial L.A.S.) of the 21st instant, relative to the dimensions of south wall of toilet room No. 3, Mint Building, in this city, and giving information that the dimensions of said wall and the marble work for the same should be adjusted in accordance with scaling of drawing No. 103, which will be done.

Respectfully,

Lee Villing
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 24, 1903.

The Burt Manufacturing Company,
Akron, Ohio.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your letter of the 21st instant, I have to inform you that the exhaust head for the Mint building in this city is already under contract.

Regarding your inquiry as to oil filters, etc., you are advised to correspond with Mr. F. E. Healy, Engineer in Charge Denver Mint Equipment, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

F. E. Healy
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 24, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I enclose herewith a proposal, in amount \$27.50, from Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, in this city, for putting in place 6 inch terra cotta partitions in the attic as called for in my letter of the 22nd instant, a copy of which is also enclosed herewith.

Drawing No. 103 in Mr. McGonigle's contract set, indicates by hatching the extent of the terra cotta partitions required under his contract, not extending to the chimney in either case, and drawing H-65, in the contract set for the Mechanical Equipment, shows by hatching that the portions of said walls (for which my letter calls for a proposal) are not under contract with Messrs. S. Faith & Company, so that it appears said work is not included in either contract and is an extra, the price for which in the enclosed proposal is 16 cents per square foot, the rate given in Mr. McGonigle's original proposal and is reasonable, so that I recommend the acceptance of the proposal.

Respectfully,

L. E. Collier
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 25, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

In the matter of vent duct for the storage vault in the basement of the Mint Building, in this city, and shop drawings provided for the vault lining, partitions, etc., I have to ask whether the openings for ducts as shown on said shop drawings are correct. The main portion of said vent duct was changed from 48" x 4" to 38" x 5" by Office letter of October 6, 1902, and the openings as provided on said shop drawings appear to be for the duct of size originally planned.

I have to ask also for information as to the place where said vent duct will enter the vault above the vestibule, which I have been unable to determine.

Respectfully,

Wm. C. Allen
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 25, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,
Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I have to request instructions as to the tints desired for painting of work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract of Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, in this city, as follows: Exterior ornamental iron work, as per paragraph 7, page 25 of the specification; outside window frames; sashes; exterior copper work; exterior wood work; cement plaster of light shafts and wainscot, plastering, etc. along rear stairs, and color of stain in the oil for wood floors, as called for in paragraphs 1, 3 and 6, page 39 of the specification for Mr. McGonigle's work, said instructions being desired in order that I may properly direct the contractor in performing the work.

Respectfully,

Law. C. Kelly
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 25, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,
Acting Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial D.A.S.) of the 22nd instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, approving shop drawings of fans and blowers to be furnished under said contract, and I am also in receipt of a set of said prints (H-220 to H-224, inclusive) which have been placed on file for reference during construction of the work.

Respectfully,

Lee C. Allen

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 28, 1903.

Mr. J. K. Taylor,

Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

Referring to framing of iron work in attic around the stack from Deposit Melting Room furnace, as indicated on drawing No. 125, which shows a 12" I-beam (New) and 3"x 3"x 3/8" angle (New) which have been placed under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract of Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.), Mint Building, in this city, and to section 17 - 18 on drawing H-85, which shows an 8" channel under the terra cotta partition, which is to be constructed by the contractors for the Mechanical Equipment, also to 2 1/2" x 4" angle and 3"x 4" Tees which are not in place and not marked "New" on said drawing, I have to ask whether it is required that contractors for the Mechanical Equipment must put in place said channel and Tees as shown on said drawing. The floor arches which are in place, appear ~~am-ly~~ strong to carry said partition, and the 12" beam (New) shown on drawing No. 125 is in place at approximately the position indicated by the 2 1/2" x 4" angle. The information is desired in order that I may properly instruct the contractor relative to the channel, etc., mentioned.

Respectfully,

Leo C. Kelly
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 26, 1903.

Mr. James A. McGonigle,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:-

Replying to your letter of the 11th instant, making inquiry relative to hard plaster or cement mortar for the rotunda of skylight under your contract of Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) Mint Building, in this city, I have to inform you that the Supervising Architect directs that the said walls are to be plastered in accordance with the specification and the drawings which were furnished you and marked by direction of the Supervising Architect to show the kind of plaster required by the specification, and as said walls were marked "Cement Plaster", the work must be performed accordingly.

Respectfully,

Lee V. Allen
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 28th, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter (initial L.A.S.) of the 25th instant relative to base skirting, etc. in the Strip Annealing Room of the Mint Building, in this city, informing me that the base skirting will be included in the contract for granolithic floor, and I shall instruct Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the completion (except certain vaults, plumbing, etc.) of said building, as to your decision in the matter.

Respectfully,

Lee H. Bailey
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 28, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kuper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial L.A.S.) of the 25th instant relative to painting of pipe hangers and supports under Messrs. S. Faith & Company's contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, informing me that only the exposed portions of said pipe hangers and supports shall be painted, and I shall direct the work to be performed accordingly.

Respectfully,

Wm. H. H. H.
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 28, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,
Acting Supervising Architect,
Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J. C. P.) of the 25th instant relative to plastering the light shafts under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, directing that I require the same to be plastered in accordance with the specification therefor.

Respectfully,

L. C. Kelley
Superintendent.

Construction,

Mint Building,

Denver, Colo., August 28, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 26th instant directing me to obtain from Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, a proposal for cutting chases for the 4" down spout and 4" soil pipe in the walls of toilet room No. 1 in the basement of said building, and in reply I have to state that I have requested said proposal and will forward the same to you as soon as it is received.

Respectfully,

Lee Gillette

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 28, 1903.

Messrs. S. Faith & Company,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:-

I have to request that you furnish me a proposal stating the amount, in addition to your contract for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, for which you will cut two chases in the brick walls of basement toilet room No. 1; one chase to be in the east wall for the 4" down spout and one in the north wall for the 4" soil pipe, the chase in each case to be of proper size to receive said pipe and to extend below the basement floor line in order that said pipes may be carried down straight behind the plaster finish and marble wainscot to connect with the drain pipes beneath the basement floor.

Respectfully,

Lee A. Berry
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 29, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 26th instant relative to request made by sub-contractor for joinery work under Mr. James A. McGonigle's contract for the Completion (except Certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.) of the Mint Building, in this city, informing me that the matter cannot receive further consideration unless a proposal is submitted from the contractor direct, and, as the contractor is out of the city, I have instructed the foreman accordingly.

Respectfully,

Law Curry

Superintendent.

Mint Building, Denver, Colorado.

August 31st, 13.

Completed	25% Completed
40% "	25% "
None	Not begun
10% Completed	Not begun
75% "	Not begun
50% "	(Fireproof) Completed
Not begun	Not begun
95% completed	25% completed
40% "	65% "
	Not begun

Character of work done by Messrs. S. Faith & Co., on Mechanical Equipment and by Mr. James A. McGonigle on Completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, etc.), is satisfactory. Nothing has yet been done here by The Blechold Safe & Lock Co. under their contract for Burglar Proof Vaults.

Progress of work is satisfactory, except that Faith & Co. have as yet made but little effort at placing drain pipes, and nothing towards setting the boilers and economizer and placing the steam pipes and heating plant.

Mechanics employed: 6 bricklayers, 12 iron workers, 1 painter, 5 lathers, 1 stonemason, 50 granite cutters, 6 plasterers, 2 plumbers, 1 steam fitter, 1 electrician and 40 laborers.

Respectfully,

Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 31, 1905.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 28th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Messrs. S. Faith & Company, contractors for the Mechanical Equipment of the Mint Building, in this city, accepting their proposal to furnish boilers of the design and capacity required, said boilers to have flush front Hawley Down Draft Furnaces, without additional cost to the Government. Shop drawings Nos. H-217, H-218 and H-219 have also been received.

Respectfully,

W. C. C. C.
Superintendent.

Construction,
Mint Building,
Denver, Colo., August 31, 1903.

Mr. C. E. Kemper,

Acting Supervising Architect,

Treasury Department, Washington, D.C.

Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter (initial J.C.P.) of the 28th instant, enclosing copy of Office letter of even date addressed to Mr. James A. McGonigle, contractor for the completion (except certain Vaults, Plumbing, &c.) of the Mint Building, in this city, relative to rejection of pulley submitted for use under said contract, which letter has been placed on file.

Respectfully,

John C. ...
Superintendent.

